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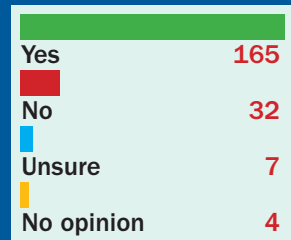
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Inos withdraws Quichocho nomination as judge

» Demapan resigns from Indigenous Affairs

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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos withdrew yesterday afternoon the administration's nomination of attorney Ramon "Ray" King Quichocho to serve on the CNMI Superior Court as associate judge, ending a month-long controversy that includes allegations of fraud and racketeering against the nominee and low evaluation results from his attorney-peers, among other things.

As a result, today's 10am public hearing on his nomination will no longer proceed.

The public hearing was scheduled last week by Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations chair Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian).

The governor withdrew the May 9 Quichocho nomination through a June 9 letter addressed to Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), who is cur-

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Pellegrino, 82



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Well-known local businessman and founder of the islands' first-ever trade institute, Anthony Pellegrino, died Friday at the Commonwealth Health Center due to multiple health ailments.

Pellegrino expired at exactly 10:05am Friday at the D-side of the public hospital, six days after he was admitted at the facility on the morning of June 2. He died at the age of 82.

According to his wife, 53-year-old Mila, Pellegrino was taken to the hospital on May 21 after complaints of severe back pain. He was confined for 12 days, only to return to the hospital due to similar complaints the following Sunday.

Pellegrino owned firms such as Saipan Sea Ventures, Aquaculture, Saipan Ice Co., and Northern Marianas Trade Institute, among others. Due to his numerous contributions in the local industry, he received numerous recognitions and awards from various groups and organizations including the Saipan Chamber of

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REINA PEREZ

Consul General Bayani Mangibin of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam, right, presents acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider with a little gift from the Philippines during last Friday's event at the Governor's Office proclaiming June as Northern Marianas Islands-Philippines Friendship Month.

PH consul general hopes ombudsman's office stays open, immigration bill passed

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Foreign workers and other officials wanting to keep the Federal Labor Ombudsman's Office in the CNMI open have found yet another ally, this time in

Consul General Bayani Mangibin of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam.

Mangibin, at the same time, said he hopes that the comprehensive national immigration reform bill containing a CNMI-specific provision will pass the U.S. Congress and signed into law.

The visiting official cited the important role Ombudsman Pam Brown and her office have been providing not only to Filipino nationals but also to other foreign workers in the CNMI.

"She has been very helpful to us. How we wish that they can still open it up. However, if resources are not there to really back it up, the only thing that I can say now is that there is the Office of Attorney for CNMI and Guam

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Tinian visitors mark Tourism Month. PAGE 2
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Tinian marked May Tourism Month with activities engaging both visitors and community members, alike.

On May 25, 2013, approximately 70 visitors from China

Tinian visitors mark Tourism Month

volunteered to plant coconut seedlings along the main thoroughfare of Broadway.

"We wanted to provide awareness to the tourists of their

involvement in lessening the tourism impact on the environment and give them pride as a participant in this island beautification activity," said Marianas Visitors Authority Actg. Grounds

& Maintenance manager Vida Borja. "Hopefully, this will inspire them to come back."

The MVA also organized a FAM(iliarization) tour for students from the Tinian Elementary School, treating them as tourist for a day as they visited the islands' major tourist sites, including Blow Hole, Runway Able, Atomic Bomb Pits, Air Raid Shelters, and the House of Taga. While on the tour, they were briefed on the significance of the sites, the importance of preserving the sites, and the importance of attracting tourists to the island.

The MVA also donated craft tools to the Outreach Program Division of the Tinian Mayor's Office to assist with the crafting of local necklaces.

"These staff members do lei

greetings and decorate the venue during special events," said

Borja. "We donated the tools as a token of gratitude, and it will also make their work easier and faster."

Tourism Month is celebrated every May in the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from Asia and Australia. The North-

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Occupancy rate at 73 percent in May 2013

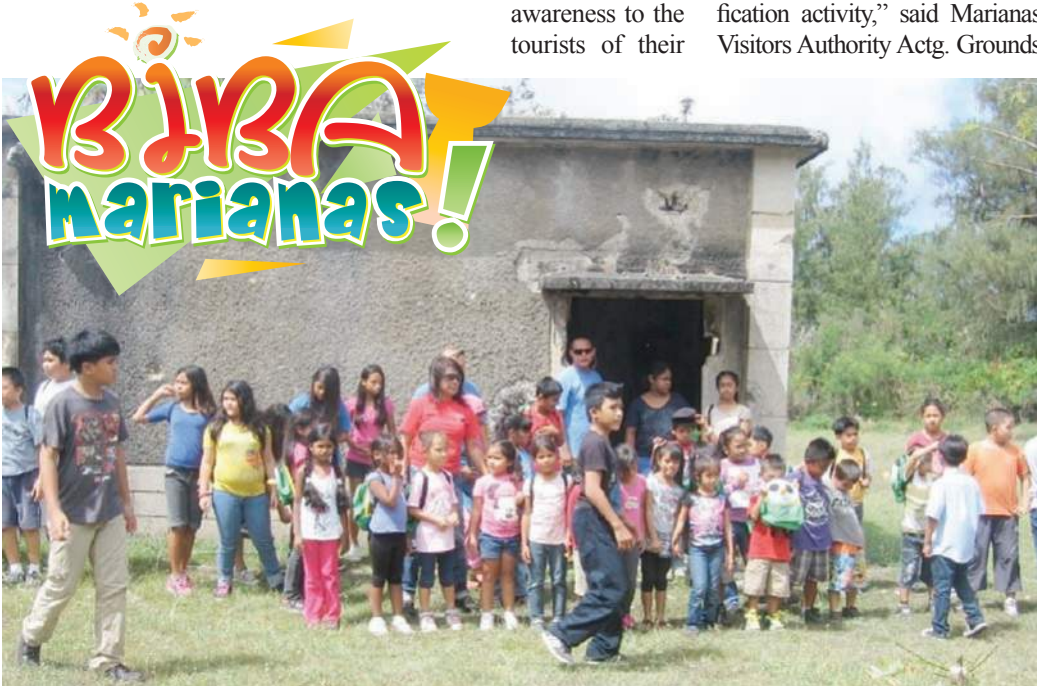
The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 72.80 percent occupancy among its 12 member hotels for May 2013, a 13-percent increase compared to May 2012.

HANMI said 54,207 of 72,462 available room nights were sold in May 2013, compared to 44,495 of 74,462 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were \$105.14 during the month, compared to \$97.39 last May.

"Fortunately, we are seeing a slight increase in occupancy, which is allowing our member hotels to pay this year's increase in hotel occupancy tax without suffering too much loss," said HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa. "Now it's just a matter of recovering our losses from prior years, making long-overdue improvements to our properties, and keeping workers gainfully employed instead of cutting hours or having layoffs."

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average of 85.41 percent, 9 percent higher than last year. The number is just over a healthy industry indicator average of 80 percent occupancy.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. (HANMI)



MVA

Students of Tinian Elementary visited old Japanese ruins of a fish market on May 29, 2013, as part of their FAM(iliarization) tour of the island during Tourism Month. The tour gave the students an opportunity to learn about tourist sites and the importance of the industry.



MVA

Marianas Visitors Authority Actg. Grounds & Maintenance manager Vida Borja, in red, presents crafting tools to staff of the Office of the Mayor of Tinian last May 9 as part of Tourism Month. Standing from left are Lovelina Saralu, Mayor's Outreach Program supervisor Mina Cepeda, Terri Kiyoshi, Borja, Jessica Iba, and Janice Barcinas. Seated is Michael Mapeso.



MVA

Some 70 visitors from China volunteered to plant coconut seedlings along the main thoroughfare of Broadway last May 25.



MVA

Visitors to Tinian plant coconut seedlings along the main thoroughfare Broadway last May 25 in celebration of May Tourism Month.



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

Korea's KT Basketball Team Fan Tour

To increase awareness of the Northern Marianas and increase sales volume, travel agent KRT and the Marianas

Visitors Authority (MVA) held the Korean KT Basketball Team Fan Tour in Saipan on May 8-12, 2013.

The travel trade promotion offered accommodations at Pacific Islands Club Saipan as well as \$200 in special benefits, including an island tour, Managaha tour, sunset barbeque, and an opportunity to meet the basketball team members. Participants also received a Boston



carrier bag, Marianas Guidebooks, and island maps. The promotion was featured on the KRT website as a main banner and also

promoted via press release and SNS activities.

Through April 2013, over 75,000 visitors from Korea have travelled to the Northern Marianas.

Paid for with a federal grant from the Office of Insular Affairs.



Local

Wiseman orders disbarment of Woodruff

» Lawyer found to have 44 violations of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has ordered the disbarment from the CNMI Bar controversial lawyer Stephen C. Woodruff for committing a total of 44 violations of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

"The court finds Mr. Woodruff's conduct and the numerous violations totally inconsistent with the standard of competent and diligent representation of his clients," said Wiseman in a 28-page order issued on Friday.

Woodruff told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday in an email that the order is "very deeply flawed." He said he has been drafting an initial response to the order.

The judge said such numerous and significant violations according to a review of court disciplinary matters in this jurisdiction is a record high and even in other jurisdictions is considered an extreme high.

"Such violations should be sanctioned in a way that reasonably assures a strong deterrence and message for members of this bar that nothing even remotely close to this number and type of violations over a period of approximately six or more years will or can be tolerated to any degree in this jurisdiction," he said.

Wiseman ordered Woodruff to pay in court any costs for the prosecution of the disciplinary complaint against him.

The judge gave disciplinary counsel Thomas E. Clifford 15 days of the order to submit his attorney's fees and costs of prosecution.

Wiseman directed Woodruff to submit a list of current and pend-

ing clients to the Superior Court within 30 days of the date of this order (Friday), and shall pay to any and all clients the sum of any unearned retainer fees.

Wiseman required Woodruff to reimburse a total of \$2,850 in attorney's fees to his clients in the disciplinary cases—\$600 to Kenneth and Wantapha Warfle; \$1,050 (plus liquidated damages) to Ambrosio V. Baing; \$300 to Invictus T. Feliciano; \$100 to Honorio G. Cambronerio; \$300 to Emily Santos Garde; and \$500 to Ana E. Reyes.

Wiseman said in two cases, Esperanza Ellis and Jihyun Lee shall not be compensated due to their signed declaration indicating they did not want to see Woodruff pursued.

According to court records, a first amended complaint was filed against Woodruff on Feb. 19, 2013, with a footnote indicating that the response was due on March 5, 2013.

The complaint includes nine separate disciplinary complaints against Woodruff because all nine matters involve a common pattern of failing to competently and diligently represent clients,

as well as the failure to keep clients reasonably informed of the status of their matters.

As Woodruff failed to respond, an entry of default was entered on

March 6, 2013. Two days later, however, he emailed disciplinary counsel Clifford inquiring when the answer was due.

At a default judgment hearing

on March 14, 2013, the court's clerk handed to Wiseman an envelope which contained Woodruff's motion, asking the court

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PELLEGRINO

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Commerce Person of the Year among his awards.

He was also *Saipan Tribune* Businessperson of the Year in 2009 and wrote a weekly column for the newspaper.

Pellegrino is survived by wife Mila; and children Miki, Niel, Abel, Julian, and Prunela.

Emotional when interviewed

by *Saipan Tribune*, Mila described her husband as a “good and loving” man. Testament to this, she said, are the numerous individuals he had assisted and helped for many years.

“My husband has always had a big heart for everyone, especially for the local community. Despite personal challenges, he wants to be of help to his community. We, his family, will always remember and miss him dearly,” Mila

told *Saipan Tribune*.

Pellegrino’s remains lies at the hospital’s morgue and his wake is scheduled Saturday at Cabrera Funeral Homes. He will be buried at a cemetery in Kagman. Since Friday, a 7pm rosary for Pellegrino’s soul has started at Kristo Rai Church and will last for nine days. More details will be announced, according to the family.

For Vic Cepeda, director of NMTI and a close friend of

Pellegrino, the passing of the “good man” will be a big loss to the CNMI community. Saddened by his death, Cepeda said the legacy and memory of Pellegrino will always remain in this island.

“I remembered when he first approached me and asked me if I could help him establish a trade institute in the CNMI. Tony was full of dreams and hope for the local community. He put up the school so he could help those

less fortunate individuals in the community acquire skills and learning,” Cepeda told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that for the last four years, Pellegrino’s institute was able to produce hundreds of non-traditional students now gainfully employed in public and private sectors.

In the passing of Pellegrino, there is no telling if the institute will continue to operate.

For John Oliver Gonzales, director of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Pellegrino was supposedly the keynote speaker for the library’s recent 20th anniversary celebration. However, his health condition forbade the man to grace the important ceremony.

Saipan Tribune learned that

Pellegrino was the founding president of the “Library Friends,” a group dedicated in raising monies for the public library programs and activities. He founded the group in 1990 and was its first president.

“Mr. Pellegrino had initially accepted our invitation as our keynote speaker, and he was excited and happy. However, his doctor disallowed him to go due to his condition. I admire, as always, Mr. Pellegrino’s ability to take no for an answer. We are very grateful to his great contributions. This is a sad day for our island community,” he told *Saipan Tribune*, describing Pellegrino as truly positively-influential to anyone.

CONSUL

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under the office of [Alicia] Limtiaco and the attorney general who can also handle the illegal trafficking aspect. There (are) other agencies that can handle the responsibility but again how I wish that they can still maintain the Federal Ombudsman’s Office,” he said in an interview on Friday morning.

That was minutes after Mangibin witnessed then acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider’s signing of a proclamation declaring June 1 to 30 Northern Mariana Islands-Philippines Friendship Month. (*See full story on Page 7*)

Mangibin’s statement came days after the chairman of a powerful U.S. Senate committee that has oversight over insular areas—U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee chair Ron Wyden—protested the U.S. Department of the Interior’s planned closure of the Federal Labor Ombudsman’s Office in the CNMI at the end of fiscal year 2013.

Wyden said the “troubling”

and “disappointing” decision was made without consulting congressional committees and guest workers who depend upon the office for “advocacy and services.”

Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs made the decision to close the ombudsman’s office even as President Barack Obama allocated \$250,000 for the operation of the ombudsman’s office in FY 2014.

The ombudsman’s office was established in 1999 in response to a long-standing pattern of mistreatment of alien “guest” workers and the ineffective response to their situation by local and federal agencies, the senator said.

An online petition to keep the ombudsman’s office has over 500 signatures so far. Florida-based human rights advocate and former CNMI teacher Wendy Doromal launched the online petition, available on her blog, Unheard No More.

These signatures are complemented by letters and messages to the Interior and the U.S. Congress, requesting them to keep the ombuds-

man’s office remain open beyond FY 2013.

Meanwhile, Mangibin thanked Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) for his efforts in ensuring a CNMI-specific provision is included in a landmark U.S. Senate immigration bill up for deliberations this week.

That provision allows long-term, legal aliens in the CNMI to apply for CNMI-only permanent residency and later, U.S. permanent residency or “green card” after an additional five-year waiting period.

“And we welcome it that he (Kilili) was able to, one, look for a way to regularize the status of foreign workers here—that is, providing them CNMI-only permanent residency status,” Mangibin said, adding that from four groups of aliens covered in Sablan’s original HR 1466, this was expanded to six groups that are now in the U.S. Senate immigration bill.

The national immigration bill gives pathway to citizenship to some 11 million undocumented aliens in the United States.

Mangibin said he’s also pleased that during the U.S.

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rently off-island over a death in the family.

Acting Senate president Victor Hocog (R-Rota), when asked for comment, confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that at 3:46pm Sunday, he received a letter from the governor about the withdrawal of Quichocho’s nomination.

In the letter, Inos said it is “with deep regret” that the administration is withdrawing Quichocho’s nomination “at this time.”

The governor also apologized for the inconvenience this may have on the Senate.

“There is no reason stated for withdrawing the nomination. I can only guess that the negatives outweighed the positives of nominating him,” Hocog told *Saipan Tribune*.

Quichocho has yet to respond to request for comments on the governor’s withdrawal of his nomination as of press time.

While surprised by the nomination’s withdrawal, Cruz said the Senate EAGI Committee can no longer proceed with today’s public hearing for reason beyond the panel’s control.

He said he learned that some individuals from Rota and Tin-

ian flew in to Saipan during the weekend, only to testify in today’s public hearing on Quichocho’s nomination.

Cruz said this is only a public hearing, and not a confirmation hearing, and the committee was supposed to hear the public’s sentiment—whether they are in support or oppose the nomination.

“It is part of the EAGI due process to listen to our people’s concern. In the past, nominees get confirmed without (being) given the good people of the CNMI a chance to be heard. I always believe the people should always be given the opportunity to be heard,” Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

On May 9, then acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider submitted Quichocho’s nomination as associate judge to the Senate. That day, Inos was in Guam to meet with a key U.S. Navy admiral.

Quichocho’s appointment, which requires the Senate’s advice and consent, immediately drew mixed reactions that could make or break Quichocho’s confirmation at the Senate.

Within days, the CNMI Bar Association gave a failing grade on Quichocho’s suitability for the associate judge job. The number of those that participated in the survey was only 20

percent of the Bar Association’s membership.

Moreover, shortly after the nomination, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo determined that Quichocho had induced a landowner to violate public policy by filing false documents with the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office. Govendo said Quichocho’s conduct of inducing landowner Joaquin Q. Atalig to breach a land lease agreement was improper.

Days later, an expert witness retained in a racketeering lawsuit against Quichocho stated that Quichocho took unfair and unethical advantage of a client “by sexually victimizing her while she was on depression medication, thwarting her recovery, in an act of moral turpitude, and violative of the American Bar Association’s Disciplinary Rules.”

But there were also others from the CNMI and Guam that have come out to support Quichocho’s nomination, saying he would be a good judge.

Quichocho was counsel for a taxpayers’ lawsuit against a sole-source, 25-year \$190.8-million diesel power purchase agreement that became one of the bases for two impeachment resolutions against former governor Benigno R. Fitial.

He was also among the few practicing attorneys that openly supported Fitial’s impeachment.

Quichocho’s nomination as associate judge has so far proved to be the most controversial nomination that the Inos administration has made since assuming office in February, after Fitial stepped down days before his impeachment trial was to begin at the Senate.

Indigenous Affairs executive director resigns

In other news, Ignacio “Ike” Demapan has resigned as resident executive director for Indigenous Affairs, a post he held for a total of 10 years—some six years under the Fitial/Inos administration and almost four years under the time of former governor Pedro P. Tenorio.

Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, said his last day of work is this Friday.

He, however, declined to comment further about his resignation.

Weeks after the Inos-Hofschneider administration took office, they asked for and received the courtesy resignations of Cabinet members and other agency heads including that of Demapan.

Demapan said yesterday he submitted a second resignation letter to the governor.

to set aside the entry of default.

Notwithstanding the improprieties of the lawyer’s motion, and over the objection of Clifford, the judge deferred the scheduled hearing and allowed him to argue his motion.

Wiseman denied the motion and reset the default judgment hearing for May 8, 2013. The hearing was subsequently rescheduled to May 13, 2013.

Woodruff then filed a two-page motion for reconsideration on the order denying the motion for reconsideration. He requested additional time to brief the points he stated in the motion.

Wiseman denied the motion on the basis that it was untimely, did not have a memorandum of law supporting the motion, and lacked the requisite grounds for a motion for reconsideration to succeed.

In his order issued on Friday, Wiseman determined that Woodruff violated MPRC 1.1 in all nine cases, as he failed to take action in a timely manner, which resulted in harm to his clients, including failing to timely file responses, failure to file anything at all, and failing to appear at a trial.

The judge said Woodruff violated MPRC 1.3 in all nine matters, as he failed to take any steps in furthering his clients’ cases, including failing to file timely responses, failing to file anything at all, and failing to appear at trial.

In violating MPRC 1.4, Wiseman said in all nine cases, the respondent ignored client requests for status updates or totally failed to communicate with his clients.

In violating MPRC 1.5, the judge said in four cases, the respondent collected a sum of money for a fee in which he failed to take any meaningful steps in pursuit of his clients’ objectives.

With respect to MPRC 3.1 violation, the judge said in one case, Woodruff admitted he brought an appeal not for the purpose of appealing the case, but to enable his client to remain in the CNMI, which was a consequence of filing

the appeal.

In violating MPRC 3.2, Wiseman said the respondent in one case failed to appear at trial, which resulted in the lawsuit being dismissed with prejudice (cannot be re-opened).

In violating MPRC 3.3, Wiseman said in one case, Woodruff admitted he failed an appeal for a client for the sole and improper purpose of enabling his client to remain in the CNMI by filing an appeal.

With respect to MPRC 8.1 violation, the judge said in one instance, the respondent failed to respond to requests for information from the CNMI Bar Association Disciplinary Committee.

Finally, in violating MPRC 8.4, Wiseman said in all nine cases, the lawyer violated numerous rules of professional conduct in connection with each representation, and that he acted in a way that reflected negatively on the legal profession and set a bad example for the public at large.

The judge added that in one matter, Woodruff also misrepresented the purpose of an appeal to a tribunal.

Wiseman also noted that in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, there are a total of 25 different types of adverse actions taken on Woodruff for his incompetence and non-diligence, including his failure to appear for a trial, resulting in dismissal with prejudice.

Wiseman said specifically, there are five money sanctions by the federal court for failing to appear as ordered by the court, 11 orders to show cause why he should not be sanctioned for failure to comply with rules, for failure to prosecute, for failure to timely serve complaints, and for miscellaneous other violations of court rules and orders, and six court dismissals of cases because of failure to prosecute, in some cases three and four years after filing of complaint.

Wiseman said the Ninth Circuit of Appeals in three different cases, dismissed each of the cases for failure to file an opening brief.

The judge said the CNMI Supreme Court dismissed two appeals for untimely filings.

Backman guilty of 1 count of sex trafficking, not guilty of 2 counts

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A federal court jury on Friday found karaoke club operator Chang Ru Meng Backman guilty of one count of sex trafficking, but acquitted her of two counts of same charges involving two other women.

The 12 jurors reached a unanimous verdict on Friday morning or a day after U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Ramona V. Manglona gave the jury more instructions and directed them to continue deliberation.

The jury deliberations began last Tuesday.

After a court staff announced the verdict, Manglona ordered the U.S. Adult Probation Office to prepare a pre-sentence investigation report and set the sen-

tencing of Backman for Sept. 13, 2013.

Manglona granted assistant U.S. attorney Rami Badawy's motion to remand the defendant into the custody of the U.S. Marshal pending the sentencing.

According to Badawy, one count of sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion carries a minimum mandatory sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum of life imprisonment.

Attorney Joaquin Torres, counsel for Backman, refused to comment after the hearing.

U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco in an interview with the media thanked members of the community for continuing to make themselves aware of the human trafficking issue in the CNMI.

Limtiaco assured the public that the FBI and the U.S. Attor-

ney's Office have been working together with local law enforcement partners in aggressively pursuing investigation of human trafficking.

Asked why it is her first time to directly involve in the trial on Saipan, Limtiaco said human trafficking is one of their priorities.

"It is a critical case. It is very important," said Limtiaco, who assisted Badawy and assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton throughout the trial.

According to the prosecution, three Chinese women were recruited in China in August 2008 based on promises of jobs at a hotel or a farm in America or Saipan, only to be forced into prostitution once they got here.

All three women testified in court. Backman has maintained innocent of the charges.



Chang Ru Meng Backman, right, talks with her mother-in-law outside the U.S. District Court for the NMI after a hearing on Thursday. A federal court jury on Friday found her guilty of one count of sex trafficking and not guilty of two counts of sex trafficking.

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Large haul of 'fake' luxury items, illegal cigarettes seized

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

A large haul of counterfeit or "fake" luxury brand clothing and illegal cigarettes from mainland China have been discovered and seized by the Division of Customs Service in late May, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Among those discovered were thousands of pieces of fake Polo Ralph Lauren and Burberry clothing.

Also seized were illegal cigarettes and liquors from China that were undeclared.

Customs director Joe Mafnas, when asked for comment, confirmed the confiscation of the counterfeit and

undeclared goods.

He, however, declined to give additional information, adding that he will be calling a news briefing today and present some of the confiscated items to the media.

Mafnas said among the matters he will discuss today is the method used to intentionally conceal the counterfeit prod-

ucts. As of yesterday, there's no telling whether there has been an arrest in this matter.

Helicopter squadron saves Rota resident

Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 successfully conducted a medical evacuation of an elderly patient who required transport from Rota to Saipan for immediate medical treatment last June 6.

"We were able to provide the necessary care in the appropriate amount of time to save a person's life," said Lt. Brigham Douglas, HSC-25 flight surgeon.

Upon notification from U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, the HSC-25 "Island Knights" quickly dispatched a helicopter with a flight doctor to Rota.

The patient has no military affiliation and is being treated at a medical facility in Saipan.

Since January, the squadron has conducted 8 medical evacu-

Saipan Tribune learned about the discovery and confiscation two weeks ago, but was asked

to hold off on the publication until at least the initial investigations were done.

ations and 4 search and rescue missions.

HSC-25 is the Navy's only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. As a part of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific, it provides an armed helicopter capability for U.S. 7th Fleet in support of logistics,

search and rescue and humanitarian assistance missions.

HSC-25 is also the only squadron that maintains a 24-hour search and rescue and medical evacuation alert posture, directly supporting the U.S. Coast Guard and Joint Region Marianas. (PR)

Federal agents arrested woman for identity theft

Federal agents arrested last week a woman who allegedly identified herself with another name to officers and agents of the Department of Homeland Security.

Shuixiang Zhou was taken to U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday for her initial appearance.

Zhou informed the court that she already hired attorney Mun Su Park as her counsel.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Man-

glona granted assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton's motion to unseal the case.

Manglona ordered Zhou remain detained pending the arraignment and a detention hearing for today, Monday, at 9am.

The indictment charged Zhou with one count of statement of material fact and one count of aggravated identity theft.

The indictment was filed in court on Dec. 17, 2012, but

the case was then sealed as the defendant was not arrested at the time.

According to the indictment, on Oct. 1, 2012 on Saipan, Zhou identified herself as "Xifen Zhou" to officers and agents of DHS.

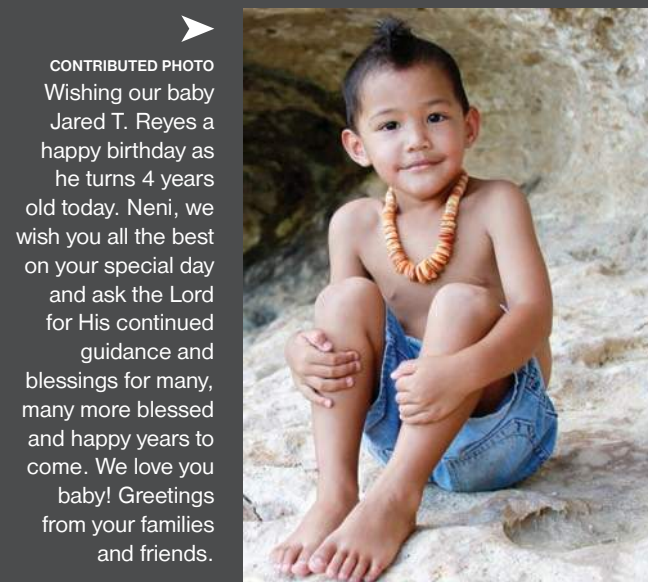
The statement was false because, Zhou is not Xifen Zhou.

The defendant allegedly used a means of identification of another person, the indictment alleges. (Ferdie de la Torre)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy 9th birthday Alexander Bateman. Your Dad says: Get a job!
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Wishing our baby Jared T. Reyes a happy birthday as he turns 4 years old today. Neni, we wish you all the best on your special day and ask the Lord for His continued guidance and blessings for many, many more blessed and happy years to come. We love you baby! Greetings from your families and friends.

HEALTH CARE IMPACT TAX BILL (HB 18-34) & NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs)

FACT #1

HB 18-34 aims to increase the sin tax on tobacco and alcohol and introduce a sin tax on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB); the most critical risks associated with NCDs.

FACT #2

About 7 out of 10 deaths in the CNMI are due to NCDs (i.e. heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes).

FACT #3

CHC reported a 126% (N=34) increase in newly registered dialysis patients in 2012 compared to 2011 (N=27).

FACT #4

PSS reported in 2013 that 57% of students are at risk of obesity.

FACT #5

The 2011 CNMI Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) revealed current alcohol use among high school students have increased to 41.4%. - National Institute of Health

FACT #6

Tobacco abuse is the single most critical risk factor related to the leading chronic diseases in the CNMI: cancer, heart disease, and emphysema.

FACT #7

Children born in the year 2000s will be the "first generation who would die before their parents due to NCDs."

FACT #8

Evidence shows that a higher tax is the most effective way to reduce use of the sin tax products, especially among the youth and the poor.

FACT #9

HB18-34 aims to: 1) Reduce use and limit access of unhealthy products; and 2) Fund NCD prevention, medical care cost and MPLT loan.

FACT #10

Governor Eloy S. Inos signed a NCD Emergency Directive on April 18th, 2013 to mobilize "whole of society" to address the NCD crisis in the CNMI.

*More facts and data sources are available by emailing: chcpubhealth@gmail.com .
CHCC Division of Public Health Services HB18-34 & NCDs Fact Sheet Version 2 (05/23/13)

MEETING NOTICE



Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Special Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.** at the MVA Conference Room San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

1) Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda

2) Public Comments

3) New Business

1. Additional air lift
2. Cosmos Beauty Pageant
3. Contracts for Renewal

4) Miscellaneous/Announcements

5) Executive Session

6) Adjournment

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

Hofschneider makes June NMI-PH Friendship Month

By **REINA S. PEREZ**
STUDENT REPORTER

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider proclaimed June as Northern Marianas Islands-Philippines Friendship Month after signing the proclamation Friday at the Governor's Office in front of Filipino dignitaries led by Consul General Bayani Mangibin of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam.

The proclamation states that the common characteristics, history, and bond of the NMI and the Philippines has grown the friendship between the Commonwealth and the Republic.

With the signing of the proclamation, Hofschneider by the authority vested in him by the

CNMI Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth proclaimed the month of June as Northern Marianas-Philippine Friendship month in the CNMI.

Mangibin expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Philippine government toward the Commonwealth. "Many Filipinos have considered the Commonwealth as their home."

After the signing, Mangibin said that the four priorities of the Commonwealth, which are tourism, agriculture, aquaculture, and the call center, are shared also by the Philippines.

According to him, "the Philippines is back in business." He calls for the Commonwealth to TRUST the Philippines. TRUST stands for transparency,



REINA PEREZ

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider and Consul General Bayani Mangibin, along with members of the Filipino community on Saipan and Tinian, and Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas, Department of Public Lands acting secretary Pete A. Tenorio, and Rep. Edward Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), pose for a group photo at the Governor's office last Friday.

resilience, uprightness, stability, and the taking off of the Philippines. "We are no longer the sick man of Asia, we are now a tiger," Mangibin said.

The new slogan introduced by Mangibin is to "Trust the Philippines, where business is more fun."

Several members of the Filipino Community on Saipan and Tinian were present. Other guests that were present were Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicholas, Department of Public Lands acting secretary Pete A. Tenorio, Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), and Father Ryan Jimenez.

The next activity for the Pistang Pinoy celebration was the Philippine flag raising held at the Kanoa Resort last Saturday.



REINA PEREZ

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider signs the NMI-Philippines Friendship Month proclamation at the Office of Governor conference room last Friday.

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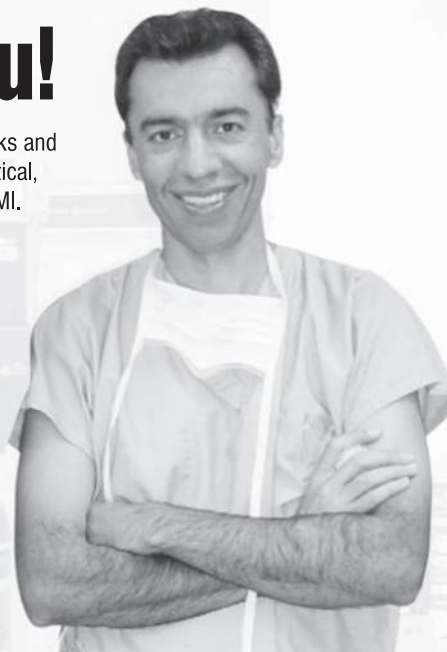
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What Home Means to Me? POSTER CONTEST

ENTRY RULES:

- THEME: "What Home Means to Me?"
- Poster Size: No larger than 22" X 28"
- Media: Contestants may use any art media (marker, crayon, paint, collage, textiles, etc.), but please consider that posters will need to be packaged, mailed and reproduced.
- OPEN to all children residing in affordable housing assisted directly or supported under community development and affordable housing programs administered by a NAHRO member authority (i.e., public or Section 8-assisted housing, CDBG, HOME, LIHTC).
- NMHC employees and their immediate families

are ineligible to participate in this contest.

- All contestants must sign a release making their entry the property of NAHRO and permitting duplication/publication thereof.
- All contestants are asked to provide a short narrative on the inspiration, vision and importance of their poster design.

AGE CATEGORIES:

- 1) Elementary K to 5th grade;
- 2) Middle - 6th to 8th grade; and
- 3) High - 9th to 12 grade

- One entry per Household/Family

- Posters with copyrighted artwork, characters, or name brands (i.e., Coke, Pepsi) will automatically be disqualified.

Submission Deadline: All entries must be received by NMHC by the end of the business day, June 14, 2013.

For more information, please contact the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation at tel nos. (670) 234-9447/6866/7670 (Saipan); (670) 433-9213 (Tinian); or (670) 532-9410 (Rota).

"As part of NAHRO's Housing America campaign, a poster contest is held each year for children residing in affordable housing and community developments owned or administered by NAHRO member agencies. Posters reflect the national theme of "What Home Means to Me." The contest is a collaborative effort of NAHRO's chapter/state, regional, and national organizations. National honorees are selected from chapter/state-level winning entries."



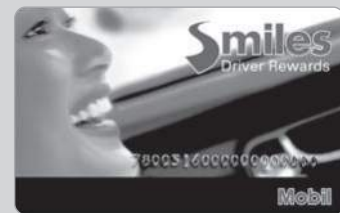
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ON PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY MEMBER TO BOARD ASNMC: Legislation eliminates autonomy of student govt

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

The president of the Associated Students of Northern Marianas College said the group is opposed to a pending bill at the Legislature which aims to set a new requirement for the incoming student honorary member to the Board of Regents.

Chenglong "Alex" Shen said that if Senate Bill 18-17 Section 3 becomes law it will eliminate the independence of the student government at the only community college on island and raises concerns for the institution's accreditation.

SB 18-17 proposes that the student regent to the board shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and which individual shall also serve as the ASNMC president.

Based on the ASNMC Con-

stitution, all regular members of the ASNMC have the right to participate in the election of all ASNMC student government officers.

"We, the ASNMC and the students, firmly believe that we should defend and retain this right to elect a leader whom they believe in. During the student gathering, students collectively made it clear that they wanted an elected representative, not a representative appointed by the governor," Shen stated in his recent communication to Rep. Roman Benavente (R-Saipan), the chairman of the House standing committee on education.

According to Shen, the ASNMC also believes that elected representation is far more democratic, non-biased, and effective for students. The election process, he emphasized, also allows the student leader to be selected without any undue external po-

litical activities or influence.

Based on SB 18-17, to be eligible to serve as a student member of the board the person shall be a full-time student at the college and who has completed one year of study (at least 24 credits) and who has maintained good academic standing as defined by the board.

Shen said that the constitution set forth by the student government or board policy should define the term of presidency for effective representation rather than by a public law.

He added that the same bill also raises concerns for the accreditation of the institution, which is still addressing its show-cause status—the severe sanction issued by the commission to a deficient member-institution.

Based on accreditation commission action letter issued to NMC in February, the commission is concerned about the

presence of honorary members to the board of regents as they directly participate and involve in the discussion of policy issues of the college.

Therefore, Shen said, it is prudent that this legislation should not be passed before it is clarified with the ACCJC.

Meantime, the Board of Regents last Friday removed three honorary members and cited as reason the accreditation commission's recommendation. Shen, as student honorary regent, vacated the post Friday along with senate and staff faculty presidents.

Remaining on the Board of Regents are the six individuals all appointed by the governor and were all confirmed by the Senate namely Juan Lizama, Frank Rabauliman, Andrew Orsini, William Torres, Malua Peter, Elaine Orilla, and Michela Sanchez.

Over 150 musicians to perform in 2 concerts this week

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Over 150 musicians from Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Concert Band and the Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band will join forces in bringing to the community two memorable evenings of music all set for this week.

The Manta Ray Band will be directed by well-known conductor William DeWitt and will collaborate with Christine Nierras for the Saipan Pacific Winds band.

The best concert series from the groups is scheduled on June 12 and 13 and will be hosted by SSHS to give local audiences a thrilling look and listen into the talents that have

earned the local musicians international acclaim.

According to DeWitt, the June 12 and 13 concerts will be conducted at the SSHS cafeteria and both start at 7pm. Admission is free but donations are welcome for the groups.

Excited at the upcoming concerts, DeWitt said the events are the groups' way of giving back to the community.

"Over the span of those two nights, more than 150 musicians will share their award-winning sound from recent and upcoming successful tours and competitions including the 2012 Olympics, 2013 Tumon Bay Music Festival, and 2014 Asian Tour. They would like to express their gratitude, via musical performances for our

'home team' audience, for the support—past, present, and future—that the CNMI community bestows," DeWitt told *Saipan Tribune*.

DeWitt disclosed that each concert will feature music unique to that evening's particular ensemble. Concert-goers will hear familiar favorites that delighted the Manta Ray Band's listeners in London and Guam in addition to new pieces that it will debut on June 12 and 13.

"Whatever your mood, you'll feel better after the entertainment than before! Come for one, or attend both! Bring a friend with you!" according to DeWitt.

Among the pieces to be played by the Manta Ray Band are *Cap-*

tain America March; When You Wish Upon a Star; Pirates of the Caribbean; Dream Hunter; Hymn to a Blue Hour; Mariana Variations (based on the CNMI anthem); and many more.

Pacific Winds is expected to play the March "1941" by John Williams; Music from Super Mario Brothers; Chuck Mangione's *Land of Make Believe; Sedona*; medley from the musical *Hairspray*; medley from the musical *West Side Story; Alvarado Overture*; and many more.

For 2014, DeWitt bared that these two bands are currently working on George Gershwin's monumental work, *Rhapsody in Blue*, to be performed with celebrated concert pianist Dr. Roman Rudnytsky in the spring of next year.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 10, 2004

Benavente on CUC plan: Say what?

The CNMI Water Task Force is not aware of the Commonwealth's Utilities Corp. reported plan to invite private companies to supply it with water and to hire a consultant to evaluate their proposals. Acting governor and CNMI Water Task Force chair Diego T. Benavente said yesterday that the task force was not consulted by the CUC on the issue. "The task force is not aware of that. We had sent a message to the CUC board and management that we be at least consulted on water issues," said Benavente.

Benavente vetoes re-appropriation bill

Acting Gov. Diego T. Benavente has vetoed a bill that seeks to divert over \$24,000 in capital improvement project funds to the Beach Road beautification project in Precinct II. Benavente said that, while the administration fully supports beautification efforts in the Commonwealth, the proposed projects would not pass the federal government's rules. He said the Office of the Insular Affairs has instituted a policy relating to the proposed re-appropriation of 702 funding CIP matching funds from completed and closed projects. "This new policy does not allow a project valued at less than \$500,000 to be approved. Therefore, I have no choice but to disapprove this bill," he said.

June 10, 2005

'House to OK \$210M budget'

The House of Representatives is reportedly inclined to endorse only \$210 million as the government's budget for Fiscal Year 2006, instead of \$225.8 million being asked by the administration. It seems the House will reject the governor's proposed poker fee increase and suspension of the Tobacco Settlement and Tobacco Control Funds appropriation, resulting in a lower budget for the next fiscal year, according to a lawmaker who agreed to speak on condition of anonymity. "It looks like the joint concurrent resolution is not favoring the poker fee increase and the suspension of tobacco funds."

Fund: Only central govt behind in contribution

Only the central government is behind in remitting the employer's contribution to the NMI Retirement Fund, according to a Fund official, who said the government's arrears now total \$80 million. Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes said autonomous agencies like the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, Marianas Public Lands Authority, and Commonwealth Ports Authority, among others, remit their contributions on time. "We've got no problem with agencies. They send us their employer's contribution," said Reyes. He said only those agencies covered by the Department of Finance has fallen "terribly behind" schedule. These are the Executive Branch—the Governor's Office and the departments under it—Legislature, Judiciary, and municipal governments.

June 10, 2006

Fund's emergency withdrawals now total \$6.5 million

Due to the lack of remittances from the central government, withdrawals from the NMI Retirement Fund reserve account keep adding up, with \$6.5 million in total debit as of this week, said Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes. "Instead of investing this amount, we're using it for payment," said Reyes in an interview. He said the Fund board of trustees authorized the fifth withdrawal Tuesday this week to take \$1.4 million from the account for the June 15 pension payment and refunds. "We've gotten a sum of \$6.5 million to date," he said. The Fund pays out \$2.3 million in pension for some 2,000 retirees a month.

Beautify CNMI takes off with projects in sight

The "Beautify CNMI," a coalition of different government agencies and private sector, was officially launched yesterday with the announcement of various ongoing and upcoming community projects. During a news briefing at the Division of Environmental Quality's conference room in Gualo Rai, Tina Sablan, chair of the Group's recycling subcommittee, briefly explained the history behind the establishment of the Beautify CNMI. Sablan also read the group's mission or vision, which was prepared by Rep. Cinta Kaipat. Sablan said the vision is to put up a "comprehensive and collaborative partnership between the citizens of the Commonwealth, the government and private sectors, and non-profit organization by establishing a comprehensive beautification campaign through enhancement and enforcement of legislation through public education on recycling, restoration and waste management."



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Free waivers for NMC Cash for College Workshop participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's upcoming "Cash for College" workshop will qualify to have their NMC Fall 2013 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

The free workshop will be held this Saturday, June 15, 2013 in Building A at the NMC As Terlaje campus. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by any time between 9am and 3pm.

The aim of the Cash for College Workshop is to assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education. The workshop is

open to both new and ongoing NMC students. Students who plan on attending other post-secondary institutions may also take advantage of the free services available at the workshop.

Participants will also be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the College Access Challenge Grant Scholarship, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program, the CNMI Scholarship, the TEACH Grant and more.

During this event, NMC Student Services representatives from counseling, financial aid, and admissions will be on hand

to assist workshop participants and answer questions.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), at least three official transcripts, signed 2012 1040 tax form (2012 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), proof of CNMI residency for 2011 and 2012 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, Employment Verification from your employer, Official Transcripts, Voter's Certification, etc.).

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 ext. 1526 or email daisym@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

OES PTSA meeting tomorrow

The PTSA officers of Oleai Elementary School would like to inform the parents and guardians of OES that there will be a last PTSA meeting tomorrow, June 11, 6pm in the school cafeteria. The agenda will be: Upcoming family fun night, Excellence in Action award ceremony, and election of new PTSA officers and other matters.

In related news, OES will host a family fun night extravaganza on June 14, 5-9pm. Proceeds from the event will fund renovation of student drop zone. (PR)

TWPI to presents Property Rites tomorrow

Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands presents the play Property Rites by Alan Haehnel tomorrow, June 11, at the MHS Dolphin Theatre (T Building). The show will be staged at 7pm. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The cast consists of the student winners of the thespian competitions,


who will present this play at the International Thespian Festival at Lincoln, Nebraska on June 29, 2013. For more information, contact Harold Easton at Marianas High School, 285-1657. (PR)

Grants workshop on Rota


The Northern Marianas Humanities Council will be conducting a workshop on Rota this coming Wednesday, June 12. The workshop will focus on the council's Community Grants Program and will take place at the Rota Mayor's Office at 5pm.

Since 1992, the council has awarded competitive matching grants to the public through its Community Grants Program. Past council-funded projects have used a variety of formats including conferences, panel discussions, translation of documents, and teacher enrichment seminars. The workshop is free and open to all Tinian residents.

For more information, contact Eulalia Vilagomez at 235-4785. (PR)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary**
 - 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Roll Call
 - 3) Adoption of Agenda
 - 4) Adoption of Minutes
 - a) April 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
 - b) May 10, 2013 Special Board Meeting
- II. Public Comments¹**
- III. Reports**
 - 1) Chair
 - 2) Board Committees
 - a) CIP
 - b) FPA
 - c) ISA
 - d) LIA
 - e) Student Issues, Community and Parent Programs (SICPP)
 - f) AD HOC on Joint BOE-NMC BOR
 - g) AD HOC on COE Evaluation
 - 3) Commissioner of Education
 - a) Financial Status Reports
 - (1) Federal
 - (2) Local
 - b) Head Start Program
 - c) Other matters
- IV. Unfinished Business**
- V. New Business**
 - 1) FY 2012 Audit Report Updates
 - 2) School Resource Officer Program MOU (with DPS)
 - 3) Call-A-Ride Van MOU (with COTA)
 - 4) Project Traditional Technology for SVES & DES MOU
 - 5) Food & Nutrition Services (FNS)
 - a. Amended Nutrition Assistance Grant (NAG)
 - b. SY 2013-2014 School Menus
 - 6) Certification Extension (1 year) and Practicum Requirement
 - 7) Child Care Program
 - 8) Proposed Change to Organizational Chart: Transfer Procurement to Finance
- VI. Executive Session²**
 - 1) Legal Updates
 - 2) Personnel
 - 3) Other matters
- VII. Administrative Matters**
 - 1) Staff Contract Renewal
 - 2) Certification & Licensure Matters
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EDITORIAL

Brave new world of government surveillance

There's a lot we don't know about the secret court order giving the federal government access on an "ongoing daily basis" to millions of telephone records, and that's a large part of the problem. But we know enough from a report in Britain's Guardian newspaper, which essentially has been confirmed by officials, to conclude both that current law gives the government too much leeway to monitor the communications of its citizens, and that the Obama administration is exploiting that authority as aggressively as the George W. Bush administration did. The result is a brave new world of pervasive surveillance that Americans should find alarming.

On Wednesday, the Guardian reported that the National Security Agency was collecting "telephony metadata"—information about the sources, destinations and duration of all telephone calls—from Verizon Business Networks Services. The surveillance was authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, a tribunal that meets in secret and typically doesn't make its rulings public. The order was issued April 25 and expires July 29.

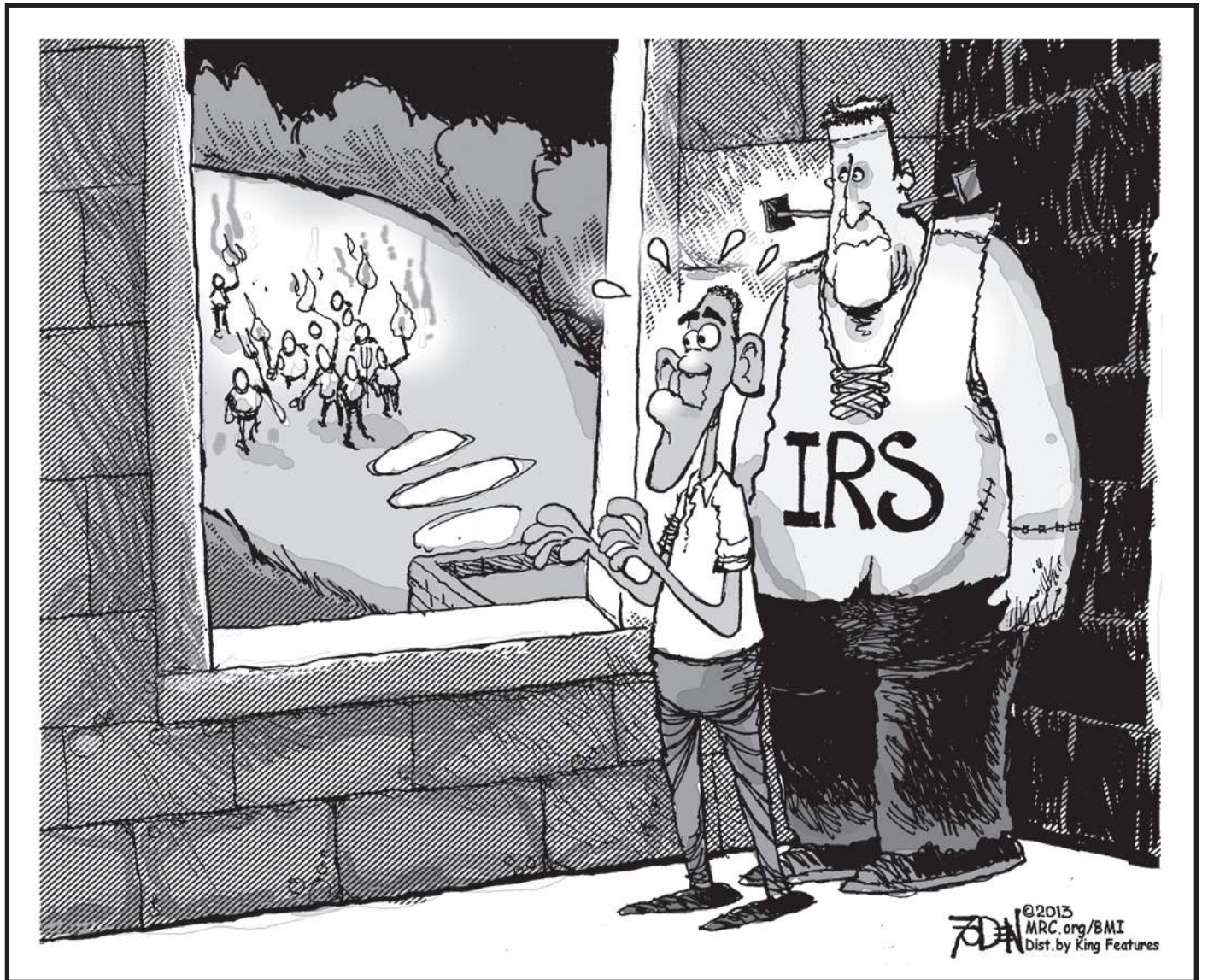
The fact that the order was issued shortly after the Boston Marathon bombings led some to speculate that the dragnet was part of the investigation of that terrorist attack. But on Thursday, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said that as far as she knew "this is the exact three-month renewal of what has been in place for the past seven years." If the government is engaged in a long-term electronic fishing expedition, it's likely that Verizon isn't the only telecommunications provider turning over data.

Feinstein emphasized that the government was gathering only metadata, not the actual content of communications, and suggested that investigators examine even that limited information only when there is "reasonable, articulable suspicion" that it is relevant and related to terrorist activity. But that is small comfort to Americans, many of whom will be uneasy that information that could shed light on their habits, travels and associations is being warehoused in government computers and possibly mined without their knowledge.

When the Patriot Act was up for renewal, this page argued that its provisions for acquisition of "business records"—the section on which the judge in the Verizon case relied—were far too loose. We still believe that the government should be required to show more than that the material it seeks is "relevant to an authorized investigation."

Last month, President Obama warned that "a perpetual war—through drones or special forces or troop deployments—will prove self-defeating and alter our country in troubling ways." That observation also applies to domestic legislation enacted in the anxious aftermath of 9/11, and to the culture of secrecy to which both this administration and its predecessor succumbed.

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Misconception: Compact Impact Funds

When the U.S. approved liberal migration of Micronesians to Guam, NMI, Hawaii, and elsewhere, it did so without the input of respective governments. It should have sought how this federal policy may adversely affect the scarce financial resources of island governments.

It's unfortunate that members of the U.S. Congress see appropriations for this purpose as a form of "assistance" when in fact it is "reimbursements." In short, the feds pushed for it therefore it must gladly defray the cost of its decision. It should also inform its counterparts in the U.S. Congress that it isn't a form of assistance but simple reimbursements.

It also approved takeover of immigration and imposed federal minimum wage. Both policies are heavily regressive, if not, annihilating. The two federal laws have shut down economic opportunities (investment) as it storms up uncertainty in the archipelago. It also did nothing but force private industries to put on shutters when they no longer could rake-in marginal profits. It's all hidden in what's known as "unintended consequences" of turning every wave in our waters into reminders that "Uncle Sam Knows Best!" Was this an accident of history or was maliciously perpetrated to bring everyone to our knees?

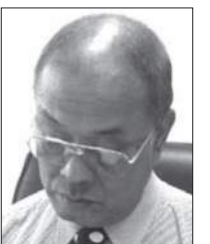
Perhaps there's truth to a recent assertion by a local writer that after we surrendered sovereignty and land for military purposes, we quickly disappeared in the rearview mirror once used by Uncle Sam. This feeds upon our suspicion of a partnership that never worked from the outset. It goes to confirm that it was more a deal than a commitment to learn and spread the messages found in first principles, principles that proved it has worked well in the formation of our democratic republic. How do you navigate the mounting suspicion against Uncle Sam?

For evil geniuses lurking somewhere in DC who masterminded these schemes, it's time you retreat so you can learn with a sense of humility how policies are best considered that includes the active participation of eventual recipients. I find your dictates highly racist so designed to annihilate economic opportunities of island governments. Unfortunately, the miseries of these ill-considered policies eventually descend upon simple folks in the villages who quiz if this is the essence of our relationship with Uncle Sam. It saps the feds' credibility!

I often wonder why have my efforts failed as I promote understanding of a relationship founded under the Covenant Agreement. It's a silent though loud expression of sentiments from young scholars abroad that the agreement is so remote in terms of their vision of island nation building. They're asserting that the agreement is intended to foster and strengthen neo-colonialism, nothing else. I'm

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not agreeing or disagreeing given the seeming foresight inherent their views. But I relish the opportunity arguing both sides of the same coin. It's their future!

WH hurled more scandals

Just as Obama thought he could change the conversation away from his scandal-ridden White House for snooping on private citizens, it was revealed that the National Security Agency (NSA) has plowed into phone calls of millions of citizens for several years without permission.

Obama no longer focuses on tornadoes descending in Oklahoma, but the storm of scandals twisting into Pennsylvania Avenue roaring in from congressional investigations on Capitol Hill.

He was woefully miffed to see the \$4 million IRS square dance lessons before its Anaheim convention. A democrat on the house panel investigating the scandal remarked, "The IRS has more missteps in frivolous conferences it has held over the last three years".

Mr. O tries to distract the parade of scandals with tired rhetoric only to discover that even the liberal media that once were enamored by his oratorical talent are no longer listening. An unusual editorial in the New York Times declares, "The president has lost all credibility! His once highly anticipated speeches have gone hollow the rest is "incompetence".

A member of the House panel probing the IRS scandal publicly labeled James Garney, presidential press secretary a "paid liar". Perhaps it's time for Mr. O to hire a scandal czar, including a pastor for the WH who could some lessons on humility and integrity or honesty.

Ssshhh! Slip this one vs. taxpayers!

The apple cherry pink flower isn't the only one budding at this time of the year in Washington spreading tidings of the arrival of spring. Bipartisan leadership is tiptoeing through the corridors of the two chambers testing if both would shut up on a proposal to exempt

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Tony

When someone like Antonio Pellegrino reaches with valor and grace the terminus of his terrestrial existence, it tags at our grief, not only because of a sense of loss, but more powerfully, at the intimation of our own mortality. Lifting the completed life of Tony in this page is at once, an act of solemn respect and an exercise of celebration for the one, unique, unrepeatable gift that he was.

Tony was an indefatigable worker of limitless imagination. I came to Saipan as an ordained cleric for the United Methodist Church but Tony seemed to have preached more sermons of possibility and hope in these pages way beyond my jaded shades of self-righteous indignation married to a ghoulish sense of cynical humor. Tony just kept his message homey and simple, not too far from Nike's Just do it mentality, and only because he was certain that the creative and innovative can be done.

I used to see him presiding on Saturdays over his fresh shrimps at Saipan's Subalu Market, princely in his simplicity, enticing anyone willing to listen to the practicality and promise of a new scheme. One could not miss his hobbled gait when he is out on Saipan's streets. Perusing his articles in this page, we are clear that he knew we had too much gray matter to choose to be losers. He was forever hovering

at the winner's circle

It is not our intent to eulogize Tony. Others better acquainted with him can do a more decent job. Nor shall we take the customary tack of loudly musing on who shall take his place, or follow in his footsteps. We are too way beyond the common idolatry of persona, e.g., in my world, the iconic role that sent beyond reach the Galilean carpenter Jesus, to suggest a niche in some pantheon for Tony. He deserves a more earthy tribute than that.



We do have a theatrical award called Tony when the denizens of New York's Broadway engage on self-congratulatory frenzy annually on TV. I am no longer a member of the Rotary Club (was once in Lapu-Lapu City in 1995) but that would be a ready venue for a Tony award to recognize the latest creative thing in the CNMI's resource extraction, development and use, or, in productive ingenuity and innovation, or, in fairness of distributive justice in the exchange of goods and services. It does not have to involve a monetary award such as the scholarships that Tony earnestly supported when we served in the education committee of Saipan's Chamber of Commerce. Perhaps, the *Saipan Tribune*, where Tony parked his pen on Mondays, can treat the matter like it does the Person of the Year award, save in this case, the Tony award would be on the deed

rather than on the person. A practical design award, maybe?

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We are shooting the breeze here. Languishing in solemn sobriety that usually accompanies a death is not where I imagine Tony would want to hitch his memory. A namesake of his, also of Italian extraction, is after all a physicist in the celebrated Hadron smasher in the Alps, and though Tony may not exactly have the vivacity of a Zorba the Greek, or the pathos of a Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof, something about him spoke more of exuberance rather than ceremonial fitness.

That Tony's multifarious commercial and civic activities have landed him in more than one controversy, emptied airspace, and equally hollowed bank accounts, I have this image of him heading up the pearly gates with a bundle of blueprints ready to talk St. Peter into laying out the foundations of a Trade Institute for the saintly mansions. With the leaky heavens recently, one never knows when gloria in excelsis deo can use a plumber.

The ever-practical dreamer, that Tony, we doff our hat in his memory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Not a popularity contest**

Dear chairman Cruz and senators,

This letter is written in support for the confirmation of Ramon K. Quichocho, and as an intern I have intimate knowledge of who he is as a man and keenly observed his approach as an attorney. It was apparent after my experience, just how skillful and adroit he is in the field of law, the breadth of legal knowledge that he has accumulated, and a work ethic that has inspired me. There is no doubt that he will be an exceptional judge and will advocate for justice with the same tenacity that I have consistently witnessed. He possesses the requisite education and experiences to be a judge, as noted by Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor; that is, superior work ethic, extensive trial experiences in civil and criminal law in both the Superior and Federal courts.

Many can attest to his competence as a trial lawyer and if any has actually witnessed him in action, under pressure, it becomes evident that he possesses a natural ability and instinct.

There is nuance in jury trials that cannot be learned in a book, and a wise judge must have

the ability to discern legal tactics and maneuvers in order to ensure a fair trial. Witnessing

his work ethic first hand left me both surprised and inspired; surprised at his consistency,

week after week, and inspired by his sheer will and energy.

From Monday through Friday, I have witnessed him in his office working 10-12 hours during the day, handling clients, attending hearings and meetings, closing up his office by 6pm. It is what occurs next that has always astonished me, after dinner he would go back into his office to do his real work, absent from the distractions of phone calls and meetings; he works through the night and well into the early morning. All weekend he spends working another 12-16 hours a day in preparation for the coming week. I have never known such inhuman work ethic, it easily puts him in a category all his own, and it is this discipline that is necessary for any incoming judge to excel.

His drive and incredible energy explains the fierce advocacy with which he pursues his client's interests, and it is because of this, that he has garnered so much unfounded and simply incorrect assumptions about his character and ethical standards. Regarding the BAR Association's pitiful attempt of evaluating him, please keep in mind that many are adversaries that he has battled in court or are potential nominees to become judge.

Therefore their responses are not objective and the questions asked are obviously not well

written. As an example, on the question of whether he has pursued justice, if answered by

an opposing prosecutor that has been defeated, does he believe justice was pursued if has been beaten? As a sole practitioner his livelihood depends entirely on the ability to advocate for his client alone, therefore it is unfair to criticize him for performing the very duty he was sworn to uphold. This survey should not be considered in your decision to confirm him for two reasons; first, the validity, I have taken college level statistics and it will tell you that a survey with such a small sample size of 42 people, will in no way reveal anything remotely close to the truth. Second, the questions chosen are entirely subjective, requiring nothing but opinion, thus making the survey, in essence, a popularity contest.

Concerning the silly rumors and empty complaints leveled at him, none has ever materialized into anything substantive, why does the Senate suppose this is? The artificial controversies, if given a closer look, is really unfounded, he has never been found guilty of anything, but it is because he upheld his duty to his clients that has made him polarizing.

We as a society have held onto the precept of innocent until proven guilty, therefore these allegations, rumors, and aspersions, deficient of any evidence, should not be considered during the confirmation process.

Attorney Quichocho has always shown the courage to advocate for his client regardless of

popular opinion, taking on larger institutions that have vastly more resources, numbers, and money, at great risk to his livelihood. There will be times when a judge must have the courage to make decisions that are in accordance with the law but may be incredibly unpopular; for what is the point of knowing what is right if you do not possess the courage to stand up for your beliefs in the name of justice?

Lastly, the Judiciary in any society must reflect the citizens with whom it is in charge of protecting, and although being from Tinian should not be the sole reason for confirmation, it should be taken into account in addition to education and experiences. It is not simply because he is from Tinian, it is the perspective he brings that is important. Some cases

require perspective only attained through upbringing and life experience, for how is a judge from Texas, however intelligent, to truly discern justice between two feuding families on Rota, not knowing anything of their culture or perceptions? History shows the significance of context, religious, and cultural understanding in the Judiciary, from the Muslims in Pakistan, to Hindus in India, and Christians in the United States, in order to uphold justice.

As a judge, attorney Quichocho will no longer represent any client or interest, only justice; the pursuit of justice with his persistence, energy, and courage will make him a formidable judge. He comes before you with every requisite necessary for your confirmation, extensive trial experiences in criminal and civil law, in both the Superior and Federal courts, the education and certifications, and in Justice Sotomayor's opinion of importance, an unrelenting work ethic. He advocated for his clients in the face of political danger, despite public scorn, and in the face of power; if you confirm him to advocate for justice instead, with these same qualities, then surely justice will be upheld and the CNMI will benefit from his resolve.

Nathan Quichocho

Via email

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congressional employees from Obamacare's Affordable Care Act.

I suppose they've finally figured out the math that ACA is prohibitively too expensive even against their staff. But admirable though

their acute sensitivity that requires bipartisanship conspiracy of sort how "to exempt Congress and all the little grunions (little fish) who attend every need of the congresspersons from . . . Obamacare, the health care monstrosity that we were told would be so good for us," wrote *Washington Times* Editor Emeritus, Lesley Pruden.






Said he: "If Congress and its go-fers, the aides who pamper, coddle and on occasion even go to the bathroom for the mem-

bers, are to be treated like the rest of us, a lot of them will have to retire to K Street's lobbying shops or go home to find honest work as florists, dog walkers, bicycle mechanics - or rest on the kindness of indulgent kin. 'This could lead to a real brain drain,' says one congressional aide, 'with the nation losing the counsel and wisdom of many of the best and brightest.' (Brains on the Hill. Who knew?)"

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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Micronesia

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| Palau | Showers | ▲ 87 ▼ 76 |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | ▲ 92 ▼ 78 |
| Chuuk | Showers | ▲ 87 ▼ 80 |
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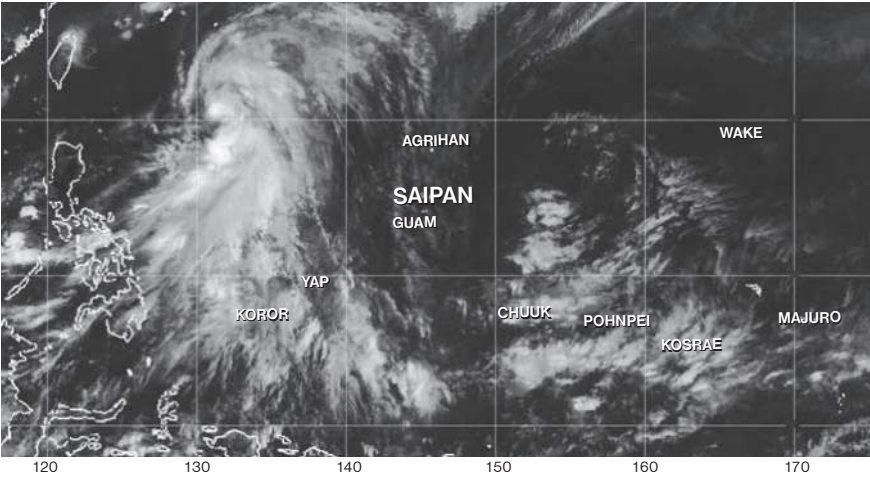
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| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲ 87 ▼ 79 |
| Honolulu | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 85 ▼ 72 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 66 ▼ 48 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 74 ▼ 61 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲ 89 ▼ 81 |
| Melbourne | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 60 ▼ 47 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲ 87 ▼ 77 |
| New York | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 80 ▼ 63 |
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| Paris | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 70 ▼ 52 |
| Pusan | Windy | ▲ 73 ▼ 65 |
| Rome | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 71 ▼ 57 |
| Salem | Sunny | ▲ 77 ▼ 47 |
| San Francisco | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 62 ▼ 53 |
| Seoul | Sunny | ▲ 87 ▼ 67 |
| Tokyo | Cloudy | ▲ 79 ▼ 67 |
| Washington, DC | Thundershowers | ▲ 83 ▼ 71 |

Tides

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| 3:58 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.2 Feet |
| 8:36 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 4:02 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.2 Feet |
| 11:02 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Yagi (03W) is centered 430 miles south-southeast of Okinawa at 21N132E. It is moving north-northeast at 15 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. Numerous heavy showers and scattered thunderstorms are occurring near and south of the center west of a line from 11N131E to 14N134E to 20N136E. For more information on Tropical Storm Yagi, see advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header wtpq31 pgum and see warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under wmo header Wtpn31 pgtw. A surface trough extends northeastward from Tropical Storm Yagi to west of Iwo To island at 25N136E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen near this feature north of 20N and west of 142E. Converging winds southeast of Tropical Storm Yagi are causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of the Marianas and near Yap and Koror within an area bounded by a line from 10N130E to 15N136E to 3N146E to 4N130E back to 10N130E. A weak disturbance at the leading edge of a trade-wind surge is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of the Marianas and near Chuuk and Pohnpei within an area bounded by a line from 7N149E to 16N152E to 15N156E to 7N160E back to 7N149E. Converging trade winds are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Chuuk and Pohnpei within 80 miles of a line from 4N149E to 3N155E to 5N156E. Similar weather is present between the equator and 6N from 160E to 166E. Scattered showers are evident farther east over Tarawa and Butaritari atolls to east of Majuro within 120 miles of a line from 2N172E to 9N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

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| Wednesday | 5:46 AM | 6:47 PM |
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| Friday | 5:47 AM | 6:48 PM |

Moonrise/Moonset

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

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| Guam-Rota | | | | FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily | FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| Rota-Saipan | | | | FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily | FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| Guam-Rota | | | | FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily | FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| Rota-Saipan | | | | | | | |
| FRE 400 | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily | Tinian-Saipan | | | |
| Saipan-Rota | | | | FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily | FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| Rota-Guam | | | | FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily | FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| Rota-Guam | | | | FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily | FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| Saipan-Tinian | | | | FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily | FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily | FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily | FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily | FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily | FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily | FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Speech teams prepare for upcoming nat'l competition

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

The CNMI National Junior Forensic League Team Coco-nuts and the National Forensic League gave a preview of their performances during a showcase event held last Saturday at Saipan Southern High School's cafeteria last Saturday.

Both teams will be competing in the national competition in Birmingham, Alabama on June 17. The teams will be working hard to prepare for the upcoming competition to best represent the CNMI.

The NJFL Showcase consisted of 12 performances by 13 members of 2013 Team Coconut. Western Pacific Region-National Forensic League's board member Mary Angela

Wheat gave the opening remarks before the performance.

NJFL Showcase coordinator Kristine Wolf introduced each of the performers. WPR-NFL's president Harold Easton recognized 2013 Team Coconut with certificates after all the performances.

Mount Carmel School's Michael Ortizo performed an impromptu speech. Oleai Elementary School's Kevin Ethan Wolf performed a humorous interpretation. Golden Harvest International School's Matthew Leon Guerrero performed a poetry reading. Grace Christian Academy's Yujin Lee performed a dramatic interpretation while schoolmates Dianne Arnold performed an impromptu speech, Robert Marmito, Jr. performed a prose reading, and Minna Ito

performed her original oratory. Hopwood Junior High School's Robert Malate performed a humorous interpretation while schoolmates Trianna Del Rosario performed a prose reading, Jayrald Mercene and Yuuki Nishida performed a duo interpretation, and Ann Margaret Norcio performed an extemporaneous speech. Saipan International School's Cerinn Hwang performed her storytelling.

The NFL Showcase, which started after the NJFL showcase and dinner, consisted of 15 performances by 16 members of the 2013 CNMI NFL team.

Grace Christian Academy's Jimaela Ham and Rebekah Kim performed a duo interpretation while schoolmates Angela Mamaril gave an explanation of

the event she was competing in, United States Extemporaneous, Dong Ha Lee performed a poetry reading, and Terence Ho performed an impromptu speech. Marianas Baptist Academy's Savannah Lyn Delos Santos performed a prose reading while schoolmates Se Young Hwang gave an explanation of the event she was competing in, Foreign Extemporaneous, Yoon Hee Park gave an explanation on the event she was competing in, Extemporaneous Commentary, and Alina Ishikawa performed her storytelling. Saipan International School's Minori Yo-

shida performed her expository speech. Mount Carmel School's Janela Revilla performed her Dramatic Interpretation while schoolmates Thomas Manglona II performed his affirmative or negative construct in Lincoln Douglas debate and Anastasia Swagger performed her original oratory. Marianas High School's Alexia Ada performed Chamorro poetry while schoolmate Alan Delos Santos performed Chamorro poetry too. Saipan Southern High School's Soon Hyun Kwon performed his humorous interpretation.

Coaches for the NJLF team are Hopwood Junior High School's Victoria Nishida, Grace Christian Academy's Amijoy Danganan, Mount Carmel School's Tobed Smith, Golden Harvest International School's Marilyn Divino, Saipan International School's Celia Jang, and Oleai Elementary School's Kristine Wolf.

Coaches for the NFL team are Grace Christian Academy's Amijoy Danganan, Marianas Baptist Academy's George Gomez, Saipan International School's Celia Jang, Mount Carmel School's Tobed Smith, and Saipan Southern High School's as well as Marianas High School's Harold Easton.

UOG accepting applications for Fulbright scholarship

The University of Guam is currently accepting applications for the Fulbright Scholarship Program which provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistantship for one academic year in a participating country outside of the United States. Qualified applicants for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program include graduating seniors and recent bachelor's degree recipients and Master's and doctoral candidates.

Fulbrighters work with, live with and learn from the people of the host country, sharing daily experiences. The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on

an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others' viewpoints and beliefs, the way they do things, and the way they think. Through engagement in the community, the individual will interact with their hosts on a one-to-one basis in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity, and intellectual freedom, thereby promoting mutual understanding. Grant lengths and dates vary by country.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 by the U.S. Congress to "enable the government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the

United States and the people of other countries."

In 2012, approximately 6,000 grants and over \$235 million were awarded to U.S. students, teachers, professionals, and scholars to study, teach, lecture, and conduct research in more than 150 countries, and to their foreign counterparts to engage in similar activities in the United States.

Students interested in finding out more about the Fulbright Program can visit: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html> or contact Dr. Todd Ames, UOG Fulbright Program Advisor at (671) 735-2884 or email: tames@uguam.uog.edu. (**UOG**)



NAVY EXCHANGE

The crews from the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Assateague* and the Royal New Zealand Navy Frigate *Te Mana* discuss joint agency operations on May 30, 2013. The exchange focused on interoperable command control and communications capabilities.

US COAST GUARD

2 children, 3 adults safe after boat capsizes off Kaena Point

HONOLULU—Two children and three adults are safe after they were rescued from their capsized vessel off Kaena Point Saturday morning.

Coast Guard Sector Honolulu received a mayday call over VHF channel 16 at 6:41 a.m. after the 17-foot pleasure craft capsized. A 45-foot Response Boat Medium crew from Station Honolulu and an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Air Station Barbers Point were immediately launched to the scene.

The Dolphin crew arrived and found the two children in lifejackets and the three adults not in lifejackets, clinging to the overturned vessel. A rescue swimmer was lowered to the water and rescued one adult

man and the two children. A vessel that was nearby rescued the two other men.

Sector Honolulu coordinated with the Honolulu Fire Department to setup an incident command post at Dillingham Airfield where emergency medical technicians provided treatment. The response boat crew marked the position of the capsized vessel and the location is being broadcast over VHF Channel 16 to notify mariners of the capsized vessel until it is removed.

"This rescue is a perfect example of why boaters must be sure they have good safety equipment and reliable communications before heading out on the water" said Lt Kevin Cooper, Sector Honolulu public affairs officer. "Because this boat

had a working VHF radio and properly sized lifejackets for the children, we were able to determine the boat's location and rescuers were able to save five lives in distress."

The Coast Guard recommends all mariners ensure they are prepared before heading out on the water. This includes having appropriate safety equipment, checking local weather conditions and ensuring the vessel is seaworthy. For more information on boating safety visit www.uscgboating.org.

For more information, contact Lt. Kevin Cooper, Sector Honolulu public affairs officer at (808) 286-4675 or Lt. Casey Corpe, Air Station Barbers Point public affairs officer at (808) 682-2750. (**PR**)



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AUCTION NOTICE

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:

LOT NO.: 017 D 27 JUDGE WAY, GARAPAN MINIMUM BID: \$ 56, 800.00

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2013, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Minimum Bid. The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be \$56,800.00.
2. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a. To withdraw any property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - c. To reject any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950. Phone: 234-7455; Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard). The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC.
6. Change of Terms. NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.
8. Lease with Option to Purchase. NMHC gives notice that it will also consider bids or offers to lease the property, subject to the following additional terms and conditions:
 - a. The Lease Price bid shall not be less than the listed Minimum Bid price.
 - b. An up-front payment of ten percent (10%) of the Lease Price must be paid upon award by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard).
 - c. The balance of the Lease Price shall accrue interest at six percent (6%) per annum.
 - d. Monthly payments of the Lease will be considered rental payments only and not installments toward purchase and shall not grant the lessee any equity or ownership interest in the property or be construed in any way to encumber NMHC's rights, title and interest in the property beyond the granting of a lease for a specific term of years.
 - e. Maximum acceptable Lease term shall be thirty (30) years.
 - f. A lease agreement will be given upon receipt of the up-front payment and shall include:
 - i. No alterations or improvements without the prior written consent of NMHC.
 - ii. Lessee to insure property and improvements during the Lease term.
 - iii. Lessee responsible for all utilities and other charges associated with the property.
 - iv. Lease not to be assigned or mortgaged without prior written consent of NMHC.
 - v. Failure to make a monthly payment grounds for termination and eviction.
 - vi. Lease may, at the request of lessee, contain an Option to Purchase provision exercisable upon: (A) payment in full of the Lease Price; (B) the Lease not having been declared to be in default; and (C) payment of \$100.00 option consideration. If the option is properly exercised, a quitclaim deed will be given.
 - g. In the event of competing lease bids, greater weight will be given to the leasehold offer with the better price, shorter term and larger monthly payments.

Dated this 17 day of May, 2013.

/s/Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Business

Nicaragua canal fast-tracked with Chinese boost

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)—For centuries, tycoons and adventurers alike have dreamed of building a canal through Nicaragua between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans and riding a boom in international trade to new riches. Up until now, however, all comers were forced to admit defeat when faced with the sheer challenge of building a man-made river through dense, hilly jungle.

Now, the old dream is attracting a new hopeful, and this time from the other side of the world.

The Chinese company, HK Nicaragua Canal Development Investment Co. Ltd., is working with the Nicaraguan government on a massive canal project experts say could take 11 years to finish, cost \$40 billion and require digging about 130 miles (200 kilometers) of waterway.

Canal proponents say the waterway could create 40,000 construction jobs and essentially double the per-capita gross domestic product of Nicaragua, one of the poorest countries in Latin America. The government plans to grant the Chinese company a concession for 100 years.

That's sparked hopes of an economic gold rush in Nicaragua, and President Daniel Ortega has pushed approval of the canal through the country's congress. Ortega presented the canal proposal Tuesday and hopes to submit it to at least an initial vote on Monday, with final approval planned by next Thursday.

"This is a question of a project that is very important for the country, and that is why it is being given urgent priority," said congressional leader Rene Nunez, an Ortega supporter.

The opposition Sandinista Renovation Movement, which split in 1995 from Ortega, has



A worker prepares a flag to hang on the wharf off the shores of Cocibolca Lake, also known as Nicaragua Lake, in Granada, Nicaragua, Friday, June 7, 2013.

tried to slow down the debate by demanding more information about the developers, while other critics have questioned the plan's viability just a few hundred miles northwest of the Panama Canal.

The Chinese company's director, Wang Jing, is also listed in the same role in 12 other existing or dissolved Hong Kong companies. "If this information isn't forthcoming, we can assume this is a swindle, a deal with a front company to get a concession, and then sell the rights to someone else," the renovation movement party said in a statement. "It's a corrupt deal to make a lot of money with

fake investors."

Just as the Panama Canal was a projection of growing U.S. power at the start of the 20th century, the Nicaragua project already reflects China's influence and financial clout around the world. Another Hong Kong-based company has been operating port facilities on both ends of the Panama Canal.

The Nicaraguan canal's construction would mark the end of a long push that began at least as far back as the 19th century when U.S. industrialist Cornelius Vanderbilt won the right to build the waterway but gave up amid political turmoil.

Other U.S. interests then

vestments.

The owners of New York's Smith & Wollensky steakhouse have again donated \$10,000 to Glide, so they can host the meal with Buffett. But for the past three years the winners have chosen to remain anonymous, and they dined with Buffett at one of his favorite Omaha steak restaurants.

Since 2006, Buffett has been gradually giving away his fortune. He plans to eventually divide most of his shares of Berkshire stock between five charitable foundations, with the largest chunk going to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Buffett has raised nearly \$15 million for Glide with these auctions over the years. He has supported Glide ever since his late first wife, Susan, introduced him to Williams.

studied building a canal in Nicaragua before settling on Panama as the crossing point.

This time around, critics have been asking whether Central America needs two canals, even in an age of growing world trade.

"Forty billion dollars is an extremely high amount and based on my experience and the studies we have done on world trade flows, the amount of traffic that would be needed to pay for a project of this size doesn't exist," said Eduardo Lugo, a Panamanian private consultant who's worked on traffic-demand calculations on the ongoing Panama Canal expansion.

Jason Bittner, director of the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of Southern Florida, said the demand will probably be there by the time the Nicaragua project is finished. Still, any new waterway would have to compete with the Panama Canal and the "land bridge" of railway networks that connect U.S. West Coast ports with the East Coast.

Globally, people resigned to little privacy online

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—U.S. government snooping does not surprise global Internet users, who say they already have few expectations of online privacy as governments increasingly monitor people's digital lives and Internet companies often acquiesce.

Privacy activists concerned over the U.S. National Security Agency's selective monitoring of Internet traffic called on people to better protect their digital data. But most people eschew encryption and other privacy tools and seemed resigned to the open book their online lives have become.

"It doesn't surprise me one bit. They've been doing it for

years," said Jamie Griffiths, a 26-year-old architect working on his laptop in a London cafe. "I wouldn't send anything via email that I wouldn't want a third party to read."

From Baghdad, to Bogota, Colombia, many said they already censor what they write online and assume governments are regularly spying, be it as part of global counter-terrorism or domestic surveillance efforts.

"The social networks and email have always been vulnerable because tech-savvy people know how to penetrate them," said Teolindo Acosa, a 34-year-old education student at Venezuela's Universidad Central who was leaving a cy-

bercafe in Caracas.

Leaked confidential documents show the NSA and FBI have been sifting through personal data by directly accessing the U.S.-based servers of Google, Facebook, Microsoft, AOL, Skype, PalTalk, Apple and YouTube.

U.S. President Barack Obama said Friday that the surveillance did not "target" U.S. citizens or others living in the U.S.—which does not mean their communications were not caught up in the dragnet.

But that didn't dampen the outrage of people who resent what they consider Washington's self-anointed role as the world's policeman.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Obama pressed Chinese leader on cybersecurity

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP)—President Barack Obama used an unusually lengthy and informal desert summit to present Chinese President Xi Jinping with detailed evidence of intellectual property theft emanating from his country, as a top U.S. official declared Saturday that cybersecurity is now at the "center of the relationship" between the world's largest economies. While there were few clear policy breakthroughs on cybersecurity, U.S. officials said Obama and Xi were in broad agreement over the need for North Korea to be denuclearized. And both countries expressed optimism that the closer personal ties forged between the two leaders during the California summit could stem the mistrust between the world powers. Still, Obama's national security adviser Tom Donilon said resolving cybersecurity issues would be "key to the future" of the relationship.

San Onofre nuke plant to close after bitter fight

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The demise of Califor-

nia's San Onofre nuclear power plant began with an attempt to fix it. A \$670 million equipment swap in 2009 and 2010 went haywire, leaving Southern California Edison on Friday with two idle reactors, more than \$500 million in bills and a federal decision on a possible restart nowhere in sight. The company decided to close it, permanently. The announcement triggered a celebration among environmentalists and other critics of the nuclear power industry who argued the plant was too damaged to operate safely.

Sudan orders South Sudan oil pipeline closed

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)—Sudan's official news agency says the country's president has ordered the closure of pipelines exporting South Sudanese oil. The Sudan news agency SUNA quoted President Omar al-Bashir as telling a public rally in the capital Khartoum on Saturday that the move was in response to South Sudan's funding of rebels fighting his regime. The Sudan news agency quoted al-Bashir as saying the "decision follows careful study of all its consequences and repercussions."

Buffett charity lunch sold for \$1 million-plus

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—The annual charity auction of a private lunch with billionaire investor Warren Buffett went for just more than \$1 million Friday night—a bargain price compared to past years for an opportunity to sit down with one of the world's most successful philanthropists.

An anonymous donor had the high bid of \$1,000,100 when the bidding ended Friday night on eBay.

The private audience with investor drew bids of more than \$2 million in each of the past five years, including last year's record-setting winning bid of \$3,456,789.

All proceeds go to the Glide Foundation, which helps the poor and homeless in San Fran-

cisco. The nonprofit relies on the auction to provide a significant chunk of its \$17 million annual budget.

"It means a lot to us to make sure we continue meeting the needs of the people who need it most," said the Rev. Cecil Williams, Glide's founder.

Last year's Buffett lunch was the most-expensive charity item ever sold on eBay. The most expensive item ever sold on eBay was a jet that drew \$4.9 million in 2001, eBay spokeswoman Karen Sayah said.

Buffett said he will spend several hours discussing whatever the winner wants to talk about, except that Berkshire Hathaway's chairman and CEO won't talk about potential in-



Buffett

Nation

Intelligence chief defends Internet spying program



This undated photo made available by Google shows the campus-network room at a data center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. AP

WASHINGTON (AP)—Eager to quell a domestic furor over U.S. spying, the nation's top intelligence official stressed Saturday that a previously undisclosed program for tapping into Internet usage is authorized by Congress, falls under strict supervision of a secret court and cannot intentionally target a U.S. citizen. He decried the revelation of that and another intelligence-gathering program as reckless.

For the second time in three days, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper took the rare step of declassifying some details of an intelligence program

to respond to media reports about counterterrorism techniques employed by the government.

"Disclosing information about the specific methods the government uses to collect communications can obviously give our enemies a 'playbook' of how to avoid detection," he said in a statement.

Clapper said the data collection under the program, first unveiled by the newspapers The Washington Post and The Guardian, was with the approval of the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Court and with the knowledge

of Internet service providers. He emphasized that the government does not act unilaterally to obtain that data from the servers of those providers.

The National Security Agency filed a criminal report with the Justice Department earlier this week in relation to the leaks, Shawn Turner, a spokesman for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, said in an email Saturday to The Associated Press.

President Barack Obama defended the counterterrorism methods on Friday and said Americans need to "make some

Since 9/11, life—and surveillance—made easier

Americans' expectations of privacy have diminished remarkably since Sept. 10, 2001—and only partly because of what happened the next day.

Laws were passed to take up the fight against shadowy terrorists by giving authorities access to information that previously was off limits. At the same time, technologies intended to make Americans' everyday lives easier have also made it easier for corporations—and the government—to track their movements and habits.

Here are seven ways in which our world has become a less private place:

■ In the wake of the terror attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 gave the federal government unprecedented access to telephone and computer exchanges and expanded the government's right to wiretap. But it also dictated financial, library, travel, video rental, phone, medical, church, synagogue or mosque records held by third parties can be searched without your knowledge or consent, as long as the government says it is acting against terrorism.

■ Facebook, founded in 2004, has prompted hundreds of millions of people to put details of their lives on public display. The company has come under fire for making people's personal photos available for use in advertisements, but media reports suggest the government has scoured Facebook's servers for audio, video, contacts, e-mails

and other documents.

■ "Smartphones" with built-in GPS capabilities could allow users to be electronically tracked. As of this year, more than half of all American adults use smartphones, according to the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project.

-Remote frequency identification, or RFID, chips. The Department of Agriculture used it to keep track of cattle being medicated, but RFID technology is now in everything from commuter passes to key cards. Tags can be linked on the Internet—and read without the holder's knowledge or permission.

■ Loyalty or "rewards" cards. Memberships in such programs—which offer savings, while tracking spending habits—have grown from 973 million in 2000 to nearly 2.7 billion last year in the U.S., according to the COLLOQUY Loyalty Census.

■ Automated teller machines, or ATMs. Most often equipped with cameras, there are an estimated 414,000 ATMs in the U.S., a 28 percent increase since September 2001, according to Sam M. Ditzion, CEO of Tremont Capital Group, Inc.

■ Automatic license plate recognition systems. Around since the 1970s, use of the technology has exploded since 9/11, allowing law enforcement to keep tabs on drivers' movements, says Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst with the American Civil Liberties Union.

Chief says Santa Monica killings were premeditated

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Police investigating why a heavily armed gunman plotted a rampage that killed four people and wounded several others were focused Saturday on how the violence began: directed at his own family.

What started as domestic violence led to a chaotic street shooting spree and ended less than 15 minutes later in a college library where the gunman was killed Friday by police as students studying for finals ran for cover or hunkered down to avoid whizzing bullets.

Investigators were looking at family connections to find a motive because the killer's father and brother were the first victims, an official briefed on the probe who requested anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly told The Associated Press.

The killer, who died a day shy of his 24th birthday, was connected to the home that went up in flames after the first shootings, said Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks. She refused to elaborate or name the suspect because a surviving family member was out of the country and couldn't immediately be

notified.

At an afternoon news conference next to the weapons

and ammo found at multiple crime scenes, Seabrooks said the "cowardly murder-

er" planned the attack and was capable of firing 1,300 rounds.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, : CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff, : NO. 02-0408
-v- :
ANGELINA A. MANGLONA, :
Defendant. :

FIFTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 25, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot 345 R 404, situated in Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Official Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 09 dated September 21, 1984, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 84-2049.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, June 21, 2013, at the hour of 12:00 noon, at the Superior Court, Sinapalo Village, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 31st day of May, 2013:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CENTURY INSURANCE : CASE NO.
COMPANY, LTD. : 12-0171
Plaintiff, :
-v- : **SUMMONS**
PETER JOHN LEONG-AGUON, :
Defendant. :

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to serve any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of this summons upon you. You may answer by filing a copy with the Clerk of Court, and thereafter delivering a copy of your answer to the Law Office of Vincent J. Seman, 3rd Floor TSL Plaza, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan or mailing it at P.O. Box 501280, Saipan, MP 96950.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court at the Superior Court, Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan MP. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file or serve an answer in accordance with the Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED, this 25th day of July, 2012:

/s/Clerk of Court, Saipan

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ATKINS KROLL, INC., : CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff, : NO. 93-0347
-v- : and consolidated :
cases :
(S.C. Nos. 92-415, :
92-517, 92-604, 92- :
680, 92-674, 92-680, :
92-718, 92-825, 92- :
826, 92-828, 92-1073, :
92-1325, 92-1420, :
92-1484, 92-1494, :
92-1553, 93-147, :
93-156, 93-163, 95- :
411, 95-701, 97-987, :
95-258, 01-1322, and :
02-788)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on April 12, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Carmen L. Muna, aka Carmen Fujihiro, and Cindy L. Muna, Defendants.

Lot No. 002 G 216, situated in Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,037 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 06 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1903 dated May 14, 1990.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2013, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 31st day of May, 2013:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
IFB NO.: IFB13-HSEM-122**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 19, 2013
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A MULTI-GAS AND RADIATION MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY"

PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS MAY RETRIEVE A COPY OF THE COMPLETE CONTENTS OF THE INVITATION FOR BIDS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ MARVIN K. SEMAN
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB13-RDPW-132-FOB ROTA**

BID SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 03, 2013
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A BOMAG COMPACTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROTA BRANCH"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DRIVE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ MELCHOR A. MENDIOLA
MAYOR OF ROTA

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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Pawitchaya Subin also known as Ja

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Last day of work: April 30, 2013.
Any transactions made by her on behalf of the company after the date mentioned above will not be accepted.



Asia

2 Koreas talk in border village after tensions



Chun Hae-sung, center, the head of South Korea's working-level delegation, speaks to the media while standing with delegates Kwon Young-yang, left, and Kang Jong-won before leaving for Panmunjom at the Office of the South Korea-North Korea Dialogue in Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, June 9, 2013.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Government delegates from North and South Korea began preparatory talks Sunday at a "truce village" on their heavily armed border aimed at setting ground rules for a higher-level discussion on easing animosity and restoring stalled rapprochement projects.

The meeting at Panmunjom, where the truce ending the 1950-53 Korean War was signed, is the first of its kind on the Korean Peninsula in more than two years. Success will be judged on whether the delegates

can pave the way for a summit between the ministers of each country's department for cross-border affairs, which South Korea has proposed for Wednesday in Seoul. Such ministerial talks haven't happened since 2007.

The intense media interest in what's essentially a meeting of bureaucrats to iron out technical details is an indication of how bad ties between the Koreas have been.

Any dialogue is an improvement on the belligerence that has marked the relationship over recent years, which have

seen North Korean nuclear tests and long-range rocket launches, attacks in 2010 blamed on the North that killed 50 South Koreans, and a steady stream in recent months of invective and threats from Pyongyang and counter-vows from Seoul.

"Today's working-level talks will be a chance to take care of administrative and technical issues in order to successfully host the ministers' talks," one of the South Korean delegates, Unification Policy Officer Chun Hae-sung, said in Seoul before the group's departure for Panmunjom.

Former China railways boss goes on trial for graft

BEIJING (AP)—The man who once ran China's powerful railways ministry and oversaw its high-profile bullet train development sought leniency for corruption crimes at Sunday's trial of one of the country's biggest graft cases in years.

Liu Zhijun has been accused of taking massive bribes and steering lucrative projects to associates in a case that could give an indication of what kind of punishments top officials might expect as part of the anti-corruption campaign of new Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

The case presents a thorny challenge to the Chinese gov-

ernment, which wants to appear tough on graft but is mindful of how the prosecution of a massive case like Liu's could further hurt public confidence in the railways system. Such a case raises questions of whether the corruption affected the construction, management and operation of the railways that serve millions of Chinese every day.

Liu went on trial at Beijing No. 2 Intermediate People's Court amid relatively tight security. Police cars were parked around the court's perimeter and officers stood on the sidewalk to prevent onlookers from getting close to the entrance or to a

group of reporters gathered outside. Court officials and police told foreign journalists to leave the premises.

The trial concluded by midday Sunday. State broadcaster China Central Television reported that prosecutors accuse Liu of using his position of influence to help about a dozen business associates and illegally received 64.6 million Chinese yuan (\$10.5 million) in unspecified "goods."

CCTV showed Liu, a thin, bespectacled man with a comb-over, being escorted into a courtroom and standing during part of the procedure, his face expressionless.

into a deep ravine in the mountainous northern Philippines, a governor said Sunday. The van veered off a mountain road in remote Buguias town in Benguet province on Saturday and plummeted into a 90-meter (295-foot) deep ravine, initially killing 10 people. Two more victims died later Saturday and another victim was fighting for his life in a hospital, Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan said. Five other people survived with injuries, Fongwan said by telephone, adding one of the 19 people in the van managed to jump out before the van fell off the cliff. The victims were mostly members of a family who attended an election victory party for a town mayor. Investigators were trying to determine if the driver, who was among the survivors, was at fault or if the van he was driving had mechanical defects, he said.

World

Turkey PM's party rules out early elections

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Police in Ankara fired tear gas and used water cannons to disperse thousands of people protesting near government buildings on Saturday, as Turkey's biggest wave of anti-government protests in decades entered its second week with no signs of waning.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's governing party, meanwhile, rejected calls for early elections, and dismissed the protests as an attempt by the opposition to topple the government.

The protests, sparked by outrage over a violent police action to oust an environmental protest in Istanbul's Taksim Square on May 31, and which have spread to dozens of cities across Turkey, are the first serious challenge to Erdogan's leadership.

Three people have died—two protesters and a policeman—and thousands have been injured so far.

The protests have become a general condemnation of Erdogan, whom many consider to have grown authoritarian in his 10 years in power, and accuse of trying to introduce his religious and conservative mores in a country governed by secular laws.

He convened the leadership of his Justice and Development party to discuss the protests Saturday afternoon.

Speaking after the meeting, party spokesman Huseyin Celik said rumors that the 2015 general elections would be moved forward were "totally baseless, totally unnecessary, made-up and imaginary."

Celik also accused the main opposition party of trying to

topple Erdogan through illegitimate means, "having failed seven times to beat (the Justice party) in the ballot boxes."

The head of Turkey's nationalist party, Devlet Bahceli, had called for early elections for Erdogan to reaffirm his mandate.

"The prime minister's stance and the tumult have deepened the crisis," Bahceli told reporters. "The prime minister's time is up, we believe he has to renew his mandate."

The protests have attracted a broad array of people angered by what they say are Erdogan's increasingly authoritarian ways and his intervention in private lives. They point to attempts to curtail the selling and promotion of alcohol, his comments on how women should dress and statements that each woman should have at least three children.

South Africa: Mandela has lung infection

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—South Africans on Saturday said their thoughts were with former President Nelson Mandela, who was in "serious but stable" condition after being taken to a hospital to be treated for a recurring lung infection.

Mandela, who is 94 years old, was treated in a hospital several times in recent months, with the last discharge coming on April 6 after doctors diagnosed him with pneumonia and drained fluid from his lung area. He has been particularly vulnerable to respiratory problems since contracting tuberculosis during his 27-year imprisonment under apartheid.

A small girl and her father stood outside Mandela's Johannesburg home with a stone on which was written a get-well message for Mandela, who helped end white racist rule and became the country's first black president in all-race elections in 1994. A young boy brought a bouquet of flowers that he handed over to guards at the house. Elsewhere in the city, some worshippers prayed for Mandela during an outdoor gathering.

"If the time comes, we wish for him a good way to go," said Noel Ngwenya, a security of-

ficer who was in the congregation.

"During the past few days, former President Nelson Mandela has had a recurrence of lung infection," said a statement from the office of President Jacob Zuma. "This morning at about 1:30 a.m., his condition deteriorated and he was transferred to a Pretoria hospital."

It said Mandela was receiving expert medical care and "doctors are doing everything possible to make him better and comfortable."

Zuma wished Mandela a quick recovery on behalf of the government and the nation and requested that the media and the public respect the privacy of the former leader and his family, the statement said.

Mandela's wife, humanitarian activist Graca Machel, canceled an appearance at an international forum on hunger and nutrition in London on Saturday, citing "personal reasons," said Colleen Harris, a spokeswoman for the meeting.

Presidential spokesman Mac Maharaj said Machel had canceled her attendance at the London meeting on Thursday, and had accompanied Mandela to the hospital on Saturday morning, the South African Press Association reported.

WORLD BRIEFS

Car bomb kills 7 people in central Syrian city

BEIRUT (AP)—A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-laden car Saturday in Syria's central city of Homs, tearing through an area largely populated by the regime's Alawite sect and killing seven people, a state-owned TV station reported. Meanwhile, government troops took control of a key village as the regime presses its offensive to clear a path between Damascus and the Mediterranean coast. With the help of Lebanese Hezbollah fighters, President Bashar Assad's regime has been chasing rebels from long-held strategic areas linking the capital, Damascus, with the government stronghold areas along Mediterranean coast. It gained momentum this week after seizing the strategic city of Qusair and the army has begun advancing north toward the cities of Homs and Aleppo.

Gunfight in Libya's eastern city leaves 7 dead

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—A gunfight between protesters and former rebels aligned with the

military in Libya's eastern city of Benghazi left seven people dead on Saturday, a health official said, the latest episode of lawlessness to hit the North African country. The clashes also left 37 people wounded, according to the doctor in the city's main hospital. A security official said the fighting broke out after protesters stormed a base belonging to Libya Shield, a grouping of pro-government militias tasked to maintain security. The protesters were demanding the militias to give up their weapons and submit to the full authority of Libya's security forces.

Pooches, owners march for more dog-friendly Paris

PARIS (AP)—Some Parisians want just a little bit more of their city to go to the dogs. At least 100 pooches—with owners in tow, holding leashes—marched near the Louvre at a demonstration to demand more park space and access to public transportation for the four-legged friends. Tongues and tails wagged Saturday under a warm Paris sun as collies, pugs, boxers, bulldogs, Labradors and other breeds paraded around the famed Paris museum.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China's May inflation rises to 2.1 percent

BEIJING (AP)—China's inflation rate rose slightly in May amid concern about the strength of the country's economic recovery. Consumer prices rose 2.1 percent over a year earlier, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics on Sunday. That is down from April's 2.4 percent and well below the government's target of 3.5 percent for the year. The slowdown in growth was attributed mainly to a decline in vegetable prices, which fell 13.8 percent in May from the previous month.

12 dead as van plunges into Philippine ravine

BAGUIO, Philippines (AP)—At least 12 people died when the van they were riding in plunged

Focus

Many left behind as Silicon Valley rebounds

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—On a morning the stock market was sailing to a record high and a chilly storm was blowing into Silicon Valley, Wendy Carle stuck her head out of the tent she calls home to find city workers duct taping an eviction notice to her flimsy, flapping shelter walls.

“I have no idea where I’m going to go,” she said, tugging on her black sweatshirt over her brown curls and scooping up Hero, an albino dog.

She glanced at the glimmering windows on a cluster of high-tech office buildings just blocks away and shook her head.

“Did you know Google shares hit \$840 each this morning?” she asked. “I just heard that on the radio.”

Carle, who did not want to give her age, used to manage apartments. Today she lives on a Supplemental Security Income disability payment of \$826 a month due to back and joint problems.

The Silicon Valley is adding jobs faster than it has in more than a decade as the tech industry roars back. Stocks are soaring and fortunes are once again on the rise.

But a bleaker record is also being set this year: Food stamp participation just hit a 10-year high, homelessness rose 20 percent in two years, and the average income for Hispanics, who make up one in four Silicon Valley residents, fell to a new low of about \$19,000 a year—capping a steady 14 percent drop over the past five years, according to the annual Silicon Valley Index released by Joint Venture Silicon Valley, representing businesses, and the philanthropic Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

Simply put, while the ultra-rich are getting even richer, record numbers of Silicon Valley residents are slipping into poverty.

“In the midst of a national economic recovery led by Silicon Valley’s resurgence, as measured by corporate profits and record stock prices, something strange is going on in the Valley itself. Most people are getting poorer,” said Cindy Chavez, executive director of San Jose-based Working Partnerships USA, a nonprofit advocating for affordable housing, higher minimum wages and access to health care.

Nowhere is this growing disparity more obvious than this sprawling and trash-strewn 28-acre tent city that authorities are trying to clean out. Beneath the sweeping shadow and roar of jets soaring in and out of nearby San Jose’s international airport, residents here say times are so tight they have

nowhere else to turn. “This is the most ridiculous place ever,” said Kristina Erbenich, 38, clambering onto her bike, a heavy pack on her back. The former chef said she spent \$14,000 on hotel rooms before her savings ran out. “If everyone around here is so rich, why can’t they do something to help?”

United Way Silicon Valley CEO Carole Leigh Hutton wonders the same thing.

“How is it that in an area so very rich, we have so many people so very poor? Why can’t we break that cycle? With all the brain power in the Silicon Valley, we should be able to solve these problems. But what we need is the collective will.”

The causes for the growing disparity are complex, but largely come down to one thing: a very high cost of living. The median home price is \$550,000, and rents average just under \$2,000 a month for a two-bedroom apartment in this region that is home

to many of the nation’s wealthiest companies including Facebook, Apple Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co. and Google. For a family of four, just covering basic needs like rent, food, childcare and transportation comes to almost \$90,000 a year, according to the nonprofit Insight Center for Community Economic Development.

“The fact is that we have an economy now that’s working well only for those at the very top,” said Lawrence Mishel at the Economic Policy Institute in Washington D.C. “Unless we adopt a new approach to economic policy, we’re going to continue going down this path, which means growth that does not really benefit the great majority of people in this country.”

Nationally, Mishel says the declining value of the federal minimum wage is a major factor driving inequality. On Monday, in an effort to address this, minimum hourly wages will rise from \$8 per hour to a new

minimum of \$10 per hour, the nation’s largest minimum wage increase approved by voters last fall. While it’s a dramatic shift for tens of thousands of workers, it’s a minuscule fraction of the increases top earners in the region enjoyed last year.

Silicon Valley’s top tech magnates inched up the Forbes annual list of the richest people on the planet released this week: Oracle Corp. CEO Larry Ellison had a reported net worth of \$43 billion, Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin had about \$23 billion each, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, was worth an estimated \$13.3 billion, and Laurene Powell Jobs, widow of Apple Inc. co-founder Steve Jobs, had an estimated worth of \$10.7 billion.

“The wealth numbers are staggering, they are absolutely staggering,” said Alf Nucifora, who chairs the Luxury Marketing Council of San Francisco

One in five ultra-wealthy Americans, defined by having a net worth above \$30 million, lives in California, stoked by the “wealth-generating cluster” of the Silicon Valley, according to WealthX, a company that tracks the super-rich. Stanford University, in Palo Alto, boasts 1,173 alumni with a net worth of more than \$30 million - only Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania have more.



Kanoa Resort
Saipan

SPORTS & RECREATION MANAGER

Our Resort is looking for a qualified US worker candidate with previous Sports & Recreation management experience who is results driven and customer focused. He/she will take an active role within the management team and help direct and control the operation of the S&R Department and coordinate its activities in accordance with the Resort’s business objectives.

- As the Sports & Recreation Manager, the responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Leading, developing and implementing activities that appeal to a wide range of personalities and ages
 - Completing needs assessments to determine what activities are needed, how often these will be offered, how seasons will affect these activities and what space or venue is required and available for participants
 - Researching possible activity ideas, trying or sampling new activities and evaluating them as needed
 - Creating activity schedules that reflects the Resort's needs and conceptualizing activities, which include but not limited to: kids club, sports activities, guest incentives, special packages, cultural activities, fitness center, cooperate events and tournaments
 - Supervising sports and recreational staff members including lifeguards and other employees connected to the implementation of activities

- Qualifications:
- Minimum Education: Associates degree in an appropriate field or equivalent years of relevant experience
 - Minimum Experience: At least 3 years experience in sports and recreation, at managerial capacity, in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort
 - Ability to work flexible hours including nights, weekends, and holidays
 - Excellent communication, organizational, and multitasking skills are a must
 - Team player

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application Forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our Resort. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than June 15, 2013. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Kanoa Resort is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Century Tours, Inc.

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

OPERATIONS CLERK (4)
Job Summary:
Performs all and/or any combination of following clerical duties requiring knowledge of systems or procedures: operates office machines, such as desktop computers, laptops, typewriter, adding, calculating, and duplicating machines; enters room bookings and room report for bookings into computer and forwards the information to Shanghai office via email and telephone; confirms and reconfirms hotel bookings with Shanghai office; inform Tour Guides of guests bus number assignments; prepare correspondence, bills, statements, receipts, or other documents, copying information from one record to another; photocopies documents, using photocopier; answers correspondence and emails, and prepares mail and email to Shanghai office; obtains travel and hotel accommodations for guests; prepares tour schedules and itineraries, and compiles reports of transactions; obtains confirmation of travel and lodging space and rate information; prepares guests tour booklet, copy of tour itinerary, written lodging confirmations and tour suggestions. answers guests and Shanghai office inquiries concerning tour routes, sightseeing schedules, fares and fees, and accommodations; prepare activity forms for Tour Guides; prepare key envelopes for incoming guests; sorts and files records; copies data and compiles records and reports; finalize guests name list to hotels; make bus reservations; Answers telephone, conveys messages, and runs errands; reply to Shanghai office emails, and perform other related duties assigned or as required.

Qualification Requirements:
High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus 2 months work experience in travel or Tour operation, sales or service based work environment; knowledge and skills in iPlex ERP system; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; excellent communication, organizational, and sales skills preferred; must have word processor and spreadsheet skills, be personable and flexible under pressure, be able to work independently with detailed projects and have an aptitude to learn new skills; must be willing to work full-time, shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

TOUR GUIDE SUPERVISORS (3)
Job Summary:
Supervise and coordinate the activities of tour guides to ensure adherence to quality standards, work goals, deadlines, work schedules, policies, and proper procedures, correcting errors or problems. Assign work schedules in accordance with work requirements to ensure quality and timely delivery of service. Review the work of tour guides; train, evaluate and counsel tour guides in the use and knowledge of service standards, optional tour program, and customer service expectations. Resolve customer complaints or answer customers' questions regarding tours, hotel food and lodging, dining, shopping, other activities, and airport pick-up and drop-off. Provide employees with guidance in handling difficult or complex problems or in resolving escalated complaints or disputes. Implement corporate or departmental policies, procedures, and service standards in conjunction with management. Discuss job performance problems with employees to identify causes and issues and to work on resolving problems. Train or instruct employees in job duties or company policies or arrange for training to be provided. Evaluate employees' job performance and conformance to regulations and recommend appropriate personnel action. Review records or reports pertaining to tour guides duties and responsibilities, activities and other services to verify details, monitor work activities, or evaluate performance. Assist in recruiting, interviewing, and selecting employees. Interpret and communicate company work policies, standards, and procedures to staff. Coordinate activities with other supervisory personnel or with other work units or departments. Analyze financial activities of the unit and provide input into budget planning and preparation processes. Develop or update procedures, policies, or standards to improve staff performance. Make recommendations to management concerning such issues as staffing decisions or procedural changes. Recommend or initiate personnel actions, such as promotions, transfers, discharges, and disciplinary measures; gives on-the-job training and coaching; monitors and evaluates performance of tour guides. Consult with managers or other personnel to resolve problems in areas such as equipment performance, output quality, work schedules, work facility, and tour vehicles. Participate in the work of subordinates to facilitate productivity or to overcome difficult aspects of work. Design, implement, or evaluate staff training and development programs, customer service initiatives, or performance measurement criteria. Develop work schedules according to budgets, workloads, and/or guests needs. Discuss work problems or grievances with management. Ensure compliance by tour guides of government rules and regulations. Apply customer/guest feedback to service improvement efforts. Arrange for necessary maintenance or repair work of facilities and vehicles. Perform other related duties as required or as assigned.

Qualification Requirements:
High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus two years work experience as a tour guide or two years work experience in tour operation, sales or service related work; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have excellent organizational skills, personable and flexible under pressure; must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends; Must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. A highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage. Commission may also be earned once the training period is passed.

TOUR GUIDE MANAGER (1)
Job Summary:
Manage the day-to-day activities of the tour services department, including formulating policies, reviewing processes, procedures, and systems for efficiency and effectiveness, and making continuous services improvement. Supervise, coordinate, manage, and monitor the work and activities of the tour guides supervisors, tour guides, and other departmental staff. Align department and staff performance in support of organizational goals. Formulate and implement departmental and organizational policies and procedures to maximize staff productivity. Recruit, hire, and discipline subordinate staff. Monitor performance and conduct performance evaluations, address performance deficiencies and implement corrective action as necessary. Ensure quality of services. Identify training needs and staff development resources. Plan and support sales and marketing activities. Assist in the development of strategic plans for operational activity. Interpret and communicate company work policies, standards, and procedures to staff. Implement and manage operational plans. Advance company managements' ability to improve service delivery and accountability through the use of data tracking, and analysis. Establish priorities and process improvement strategies in partnership with other company service departments; ensures compliance with new or revised policies, procedures rules and regulations. Develop budget recommendations, researches and review financial impacts and consequences of proposed recommendations; secures resource allocations or seeks alternative resource solutions for the company tour service operations. Resolves complaint escalations from the Tour Guides Supervisor. Prepare and provide management and statistical reports to management and the executive team and department managers. Resolve technology, facility, and transportation, and other issues that cause disruption to service delivery; manages crises if service delivery is interrupted. Perform other duties as required or as assigned.

Qualification Requirements:
High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus 4 years supervisory work experience in tour operation, or tour service related work and capable; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends; highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (1)
Job Summary:
Direct and coordinate activities relating to supplier/vendor engagement, contract negotiation, and management. Conduct process mapping of tour guides and marketing activities. Review policies and procedures and recommend changes. Develop operations manual for tour guides, operations clerk, and van and bus drivers. Prepare destination brochures/branding for the China market and other promotional materials and flyers. Coordinate staff activities relating to hotel room allocation, contract negotiation and management. Participate in formulating and administering company policies and developing long range goals and objectives. Direct and coordinate activities of department or division for which responsibility is delegated to further attainment of goals and objectives. Review analyses of activities, costs, operations, and forecast data to determine department or division progress toward stated goals and objectives. Confer with management officials and other administrative personnel to review achievements and discuss required changes in goals or objectives resulting from current status and conditions. Prepare periodic reports for management, as necessary or requested, to track strategic goal accomplishment. Review performance data that includes financial, sales, and activity reports and spreadsheets, to monitor and measure departmental productivity, goal achievement, and overall effectiveness. Plan, evaluate, and improve the efficiency of business processes and procedures to enhance speed, quality, efficiency, effectiveness, and output. Plan and implement systems that perform the work and fulfill the mission and the goals of the company efficiently and effectively. Perform other related duties as required or as assigned.

Qualification Requirements:
Bachelor's degree in business, tourism, marketing, management or related field plus a minimum of six (6) years of responsible leadership experience in management positions, at least three (3) years of which must be as an executive in a travel/tour operations. Knowledge of competing Southeast Asian tourism markets that targets Chinese outbound travel and a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives are an advantage. Must have excellent organizational skills; Writing and verbal communications Skills in both English and Japanese preferred; Personable and flexible under pressure; Able to work independently with detailed projects; Must be willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

TOUR GUIDES (3)
Salary range: \$5.55 hourly
Worksite location: Saipan/Tinian & at all Century Tours, Inc. offices
Job Summary:
Perform all and/or any combination of the following duties: escort individuals or groups on short cruises, sightseeing tours or through places of interest, jungle tours, water sports and other beach activities, shopping, dining, etc.; describe tour points of interest to individuals or groups, and respond to questions; monitor guests' activities in order to ensure compliance with company or tour regulations and safety practices; greet and register visitors, and issue any required identification badges and/or safety devices; distribute brochures, show audiovisual presentations, and/or explain company processes and operations at tour sites; and perform other related duties as assigned or as required.

Qualification Requirements:
High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus at least one month work experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related work; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends; highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage.

ROOMS & RESTAURANT RESERVATIONS MANAGER (1)
Job Summary:
Manage the day-to-day activities of the Room & Restaurant Reservations Department, including formulating policies, reviewing processes, procedures, and systems for efficiency and effectiveness, and making continuous services improvement. Supervise, coordinate, manage, and monitor the work and activities of the Operations Clerks, Operations Clerk supervisor and other departmental staff. Align department and staff performance in support of organizational goals. Formulate and implement departmental and organizational policies and procedures to maximize staff productivity. Recruit, hire, and discipline subordinate staff. Monitor performance and conduct performance evaluations, address performance deficiencies and implement corrective action as necessary. Ensure quality of services. Identify training needs and staff development resources. Plan and support room bookings and assignment, restaurant bookings and other room and restaurant marketing activities. Assist in the development of strategic plans for operational activity. Interpret and communicate company work policies, standards, and procedures to staff. Implement and manage operational plans. Advance company managements' ability to improve service delivery and accountability through the use of data tracking, and analysis. Establish priorities and process improvement strategies in partnership with other company service departments; ensures compliance with new or revised policies, procedures rules and regulations. Develop budget recommendations, researches and review financial impacts and consequences of proposed recommendations; secures resource allocations or seeks alternative resource solutions for the company tour service operation. Resolves staff & customer complaints. Prepare and provide management and statistical reports to management and the executive team and department managers. Resolve technology, facility, and transportation, and other issues that cause disruption to service delivery; manages crises if service delivery is interrupted. Perform other duties as required or as assigned.

Qualification Requirements:
High school graduate, GED or equivalent plus a combination equivalent to five years work experience as a tour operations supervisor or manager in a tour/travel agency, sales or service related work and capable of performing the duties of a manager; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have excellent organizational skills, personable and flexible under pressure; must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays and weekends; a highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage. Knowledge of Japanese language an advantage.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Positions will be filled commensurate with qualification, work experience and ability to perform. Worksite location is on Saipan/Tinian and at all Century Tours, Inc. offices. Applications may be obtained from the Front Office of Century Tours, Inc., located at the Kanoa Resort on Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan while resumes can be emailed to camille.orallo@saipan.travel. All resumes and applications must be submitted to Human Resources at the Century Tours, Inc. Front Office no later than Friday, June 14, 2013. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

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Overdrive

SRT Viper a sleek, thrilling neck-bender

By Susan Carpenter
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

The 2013 SRT Viper is the sort of car that should come with disability insurance for neck injuries—not only for the whiplash drivers could experience attempting to max out its 206 mph top speed, but for its many admirers who rubber-neck, pivot and crane to get a better look.

In the weekend I spent with the dead-sexy, fifth-generation snake, men literally hung out their windows to take pictures. Police cars routinely tailgated and sidled me. Invariably, when I passed a BMW 3 Series on the freeway, that same car would speed up to pace me and smile, to which I responded as one would expect from a Viper—with a wave and a stomp of the accelerator.

The attention is understandable. Curvy in all the right places, if the SRT flagship were any more voluptuously alluring, it would have to be renamed Scarlett Johansson.

Returning after a three-year absence with a complete redesign billed under Chrysler's newly spun-off SRT, or Street and Racing Technology, brand, the newest incarnation Viper is skinned, for the first time, with aluminum door panels and lightweight carbon fiber on the hood, roof and deck lid—all of which contributed to a 100-pound weight savings over the fourth-generation model, which went out of production in 2010. Even the Viper logo has been redesigned with more dramatically bared fangs, a menacing graphic that graces the one area of the car other drivers are



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most likely to see: its back end.

The \$99,390-plus Viper uses a slightly more powerful 8.4-liter V-10 engine mounted mid-front under a hood so dramatically elongated I had to jack up the seat just to see. A new double-bubble roof ensures that taller drivers won't inadvertently scrape their hair on the headliner. It's designed to accommodate helmets for the Viper's natural environment: slithering through S curves on a track.

Its pipes are as hypnotizing as a snake charmer's. The exhaust begins with an enticing grumble at idle. By 4,000 rpm, it's become a thrum that lodges in the base of one's brain. By 6,000 rpm, when the engine is

approaching peak horsepower, it reaches its most musical, easily heard pitch. The exhaust is literally just outside the doors. It ports to the sides instead of the back.

A street-legal race car, the Viper likes nothing more than speeding into a corner at 5,000 rpm, when it reaches peak torque of 600 foot-pounds—the most of any naturally aspirated sports car in the world.

Tuned for extreme performance, with a new aluminum X brace under the hood to increase rigidity in the turns, a new dual-

mode suspension system and a first-for-a-Viper stability control system, it's a machine begging to be thrashed.

For show-pony street driving, the suspension is a bit rough, even in its softer street mode, but it isn't designed to soak up road imperfections. Whether it's rolling on the track or poorly maintained asphalt, the suspension's intent is to keep the car hunkered. And it does. If the Viper were any more planted in the corners, it would be a tree.

Poised as the chassis is, no one likes to be thrown around a cabin, especially one as expensive as the Viper. While drivers have a leather steering wheel to grip, the passenger has a grab rail mounted to the center console. Both occupants are held in place with new high-performance racing seats shelled in Kevlar and industrial-strength side bolsters that keep passengers as grounded as the car in high-speed turns.

The Viper is so wide and low-slung for handling that getting

in and out of the car is an art form. For 2013, the seats are situated an inch lower than the last model. Any lower, and I'd feel like a dog swiping his hindquarters on the grass.

The legroom has likewise expanded dramatically, by 3 1/2 inches—a feat enabled by pushing the cabin even further back in the Viper's long and low chassis.

Speed signs aren't a warning in the Viper. They're a dare to double them. A coiled snake tightly wound for attack, its acceleration

is instantaneous, though it requires some double leg work to tap into its power.

The Viper is the rare supercar to use a manual transmission rather than paddle shifters. Being a motorcyclist, I prefer the engagement of operating a clutch with a foot and a shifter with the hand while also managing the steering, even if paddle shifters are more convenient and faster-acting. A Viper standard, the six-speed manual has been updated with a shorter throw of the shifter stick, though the clutch feels extraordinarily long.

The new Viper includes steering wheel controls for the usual features, such as audio and Bluetooth, as well as something less usual: It's outfitted with a launch-control switch for quicker starts, the results of which are displayed on the dashboard. Every time the car launches from a dead stop, it starts a timer for its 0 to 60 acceleration time. The dash can also be customized to display quarter-mile times, braking distance, top speed and g-force, all of which can be stored and bragged about—with proof—later.

Averaging 15 mpg combined, fuel economy isn't as abysmal as one would expect for a car that bites pretty much anything else on the road. Even thinking about fuel economy while driving the Viper reminds me of my interview with Evel Knievel shortly before he died, when I inquired about the fuel economy of his motorcycle-toting RV.

"If you have to ask," he told me, "you can't afford it."

Most people, of course, can't, which only adds to the Viper mystique.

Some cars are deserved icons.

NUTS & BOLTS

Powertrain: All-aluminum, 8.4-liter, mid-front V-10, OHV, rear-wheel-drive, 6-speed manual transmission

Horsepower: 640 at 6,200 rpm

Torque: 600 pound-feet at 5,000 rpm

Top speed: 206 mph

0 to 60 acceleration: low 3-second range

Length: 175.7 inches

Wheelbase: 98.8 inches

Width: 76.4 inches

Height: 49.1 inches

Ground clearance: 5 inches

EPA estimated fuel economy: 12 city, 19 highway, 15 combined

Base price: \$97,395

Price as tested: \$120,395

All prices exclude destination charges.

Motoring Q&A:

2010 Fusion had battery buildup

By Paul Brand
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: When I left my car key in the "on" position by mistake overnight, the battery naturally went dead. When a road assistance person jump-started the car, he showed me the terminals. There was enough green/blue substance to fill a small ice cream cone and he said it was the worst he had ever seen. It took me a long time to finally clean it up. Is it routine for this to happen in a 2010 Ford Fusion or any other make of automobile?

ANSWER: Not routine but not uncommon. The "yuck" buildup on the battery terminals is usually lead sulfate caused by the battery electrolyte—sul-

furic acid—reacting with the lead battery post. A poor seal between post and plastic case can lead to this buildup, as can overcharging, loose terminal connections, dirt, moisture and salt.

It's important to recognize that this buildup is toxic—take care to avoid ingesting, inhaling or having any contact with this corrosion. I've used carbonated sugar-free soft drinks and a wire brush to remove the corrosion. Then flush thoroughly with water to dilute and remove all the sulfate. Clean, reassemble and solidly tighten the battery terminals. An anticorrosion spray, paste or even petroleum jelly can help prevent this buildup.

In the case of your vehicle, this buildup may have simply accumulated with no rou-

tine battery maintenance. But it might be worth having the charging system tested to make sure the battery is not being overcharged.

Q: We bought a used 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser. We noticed that when we use the air conditioning, it runs cold until we stop for a red light. Then we get warm/hot air until we're moving again. Is that a quirk with the Cruisers or is it a problem we need to address?

A: Check the simple things, like the refrigerant state of charge, drive belt, cleanliness of the front of the condenser and radiator. It can be normal for the compressor clutch to cycle the A/C compressor on and off at idle, which will affect the outlet temperature. I don't think this issue is a quirk of the car; it's

more likely a function of age and lack of maintenance.

Q: The passenger power windows on my 2004 Dodge Ram quad-cab operate properly with the driver's master switches, but the window switches in the passenger doors do not work. All fuses are good and the driver's master switch module has been replaced, all to no avail. Suggestions?

A: A careful review of this vehicle's wiring diagrams in my Alldata database confirms that each passenger power window has two sources of 12-volt power to operate the windows up and down, both controlled by the power window control module/switches in the driver's door. If the "lockout" button is activated in this module, no power will reach the individual

passenger window switches, preventing them from being operated independently. In this mode, only the master switches/module on the driver's door can operate the windows.

Since the module has been replaced, I'd look for an open circuit in the harness from the module, through the door jamb and into the body harness.

Q: My 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee with 134,568 miles runs fine, but has one scary glitch. When driving at speeds of 60 to 65 miles per hour, if you take your foot off the gas, the entire car lurches suddenly but slightly to the left. When you put your foot back on the gas, the car lurches suddenly back to the right. It seems like it is caused by torque somehow, but my mechanic doesn't have a clue.

A: I'd be more suspicious of a significant wheel alignment issue or, more seriously, a loose, worn or broken drivetrain mount or suspension/steering component. A careful inspection of the chassis, suspension and steering is the first step, and if nothing is found, perhaps a four-wheel alignment would help.

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Life & Style

Khloe Kardashian: 'blessed'— with or without fame

NEW YORK (AP)—There's a lot of noise surrounding Khloe Kardashian Odom. She's frequently with members of her family, and they're not a quiet bunch.

The family stars on the popular E! reality show "Keeping up With the Kardashians," now in its eighth season. (Her sister Kim recently revealed on the show that she and rapper Kanye West are expecting a daughter sometime this summer.)

Khloe, Kim, sister Kourtney and their mom, Kris Jenner, are subject to 24/7 tabloid, Internet and paparazzi attention. But Kardashian Odom makes a point of tuning out the media attention because she believes "it's really toxic."

"I don't get Google alerts," she said. "I don't need to be alerted to what I'm doing. That's just my personality."

She added: "Once you start living in (that fame world), you can start believing it, and it's just so bad for you. That's not the real world. All of this one day will go away no matter who you are, and I need to be OK with who I am as myself and this doesn't make or break me. This is wonderful and I love this ride but I'm also so blessed without it as well."

In a recent interview, Kar-

dashian Odom also talked about fame and whether TV viewers will see the return of the spinoff reality show "Khloe & Lamar" with her husband, Los Angeles Clippers forward Lamar Odom.

AP: Do you look forward to the day when all the fame and attention are gone?

Kardashian Odom: You always want what you don't have, and you have to be really careful what you wish for. I genuinely love what we do. When that day comes, it will give me more time to do other stuff but I'm not begging for that day to come. I'm content either way.

AP: Will there be another season of "Khloe & Lamar"?

Kardashian Odom: Yes. It's not finished. I'm really protective. I'm like a mama bear. And when my husband and I filmed season one, Lamar won Sixth Man of the Year, was the first (Los Angeles) Laker to do so, he won a gold medal, and he also won a championship ring for the Lakers. But the year he got traded, people wanted to say, 'Oh, it's because of the show.' So, I was really irritated. This is my husband's career,



This March 23, 2013 file photo shows TV personality Khloé Kardashian at the 26th annual Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards in Los Angeles.

and I just didn't like that someone would use this tool in a negative way, so I was like, 'You know what? For the better of my husband's career, I'm not going to let anyone use this against him.' But, yes, it will hopefully come back

sooner (rather) than later. Lamar loves doing the show.

AP: It's interesting that you and your sisters Kourtney and Kim have such a big family but you're all married to or in a relationship with only children.

CNN trying new weekly nighttime talk show

NEW YORK (AP)—It's a safe bet that George Stroumboulopoulos will be the first male CNN personality to wear two earrings and a skull ring from a designer who made one for Keith Richards.

Stroumboulopoulos, whose new nighttime talk show premieres Sunday, is more curious than dangerous, though.

The show gets a solid time slot for its debut, airing after the season finale of Anthony Bourdain's successful "Parts Unknown." Then it will settle into a regular spot on Fridays at 11 p.m. Eastern for the summer and, if things go well, maybe beyond.

It's part of CNN's attempt to branch out beyond news programming at certain times, represented most prominently by Bourdain's show. The effort started before the arrival of new network boss Jeff Zucker—Stroumboulopoulos had his first contact with the network last summer before Zucker arrived—but the enthusiasm continued with the change in management.

Stroumboulopoulos (STRAHM'-booh-lahp-yoo-lus)

hosts a nightly talk show on the CBC in Canada, where his friendly style seems to encourage celebrities to talk.

"I hope that people pick up something new about the person I'm interviewing and find out a way to relate to them," he said. "I want them to find a connection."

For CNN, the show represents an old style for a new generation. Stroumboulopoulos, 40, said his

interest in politics was fueled less by politicians than by listening to the Clash and Public Enemy. He's eager to interview Snoop Lion, the former Snoop Dogg, on his show because he considers him such an important figure in hip-hop.

Rap artist Wiz Khalifa, comic Martin Short and actor Keanu Reeves are the guests on his first show.

Other confirmed interviews for the show's 10-week run include Keanu Reeves, Martin Short, Betty White, Bill Maher, Sharon Stone and filmmaker Werner Herzog. The show will tape before a studio audience in Los Angeles.



Stroumboulopoulos



In Celebration Of His New Life TROY DELEON GUERRERO TORRES

BORN TO LIFE ON NOVEMBER 25, 1972
CALLED TO ETERNAL REST ON MAY 27, 2013 IN BOISE, IDAHO

His Peaceful Spirit and Memories will live on in the hearts of his:

MOTHER: PRIMITIVA DELEON GUERRERO TORRES

DAUGHTER: COLLEEN JOYCE CAMACHO CABRERA

SIBLINGS:

VINCENT DELEON GUERRERO TORRES JR & ROWINA (Jesseleo, Ali, Tivana, Vincent III, Jupri, & Hunter) VICTORINO DELEON GUERRERO TORRES & BRENDA (Victoria, Maxine, Venetian, & Victorino, Jr.)

JOAQUIN DELEON GUERRERO TORRES & IRENE (Steven, Tiana, Jacqlene, & Joaquin II)

RALPH DELEON GUERRERO TORRES & DIANN (Ralph, Jr., Vaniqa, Deon, & Tristan)

JUDY MARIE DELEON GUERRERO TORRES & LUCIO (Lucio)

He is survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and Godchildren.

In his New Life he now joins his:

Father: † Vicente Villagomez Torres

Sister: † Juanet Deleon Guerrero Torres

Responso, Rosary, and public viewing: June 13, 2013, Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: June 13, 2013, Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Mount Carmel Cathedral, Chalan Kanoa

Daily Rosary is being prayed at 5:30 p.m., followed by mass at 6:00 p.m., Saint Jude Church

** Also celebrating the First Year Death Anniversary of Vicente Villagomez Torres on the same date and time above **

Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay, and Salamat Po for your Prayers, Thoughts, and Support during our time of Bereavement.

May God Bless Us All.

Primitiva Deleon Guerrero Torres & Family



Swedish Princess Madeleine weds New York banker

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Swedish Princess Madeleine fell in love in the Big Apple. Now she has said “yes” to New York banker Christopher O’Neill in a lavish and emotional wedding ceremony in Stockholm.

Madeleine, 30, was wearing a stunning silk organza dress with a lace top and four-meter (13-foot) trail, designed by Valentino Garavani, when she tied the knot with British-American O’Neill on Saturday. Around 470 European royals, top New York socialites and celebrities were in attendance.

The 38-year-old O’Neill fought back tears as the princess walked down the aisle with her father, King Carl XVI Gustaf, to a traditional Swedish wedding march performed by a children’s choir. The bride and groom were visibly moved as the ceremony proceeded with hymns in both Swedish and English, and performances by Roxette singer Marie Fredriksson and Broadway’s “Phantom of the Opera” star Peter Joback.

With a smile on her face, Madeleine read out the wedding

vows in Swedish while O’Neill read his in English in the Royal Chapel, decorated with typical Swedish summer flowers. After the wedding, the couple kissed on the steps of the palace in front of a cheering crowd of several thousand who had gathered in the sunshine waving Swedish flags.

“We hope she will be very happy in the future, the princess Madeleine,” Julia Huelsman, who had traveled from Munich, Germany, for the occasion, said.

Later, the newlyweds travelled in a procession through the crowded streets of the capital in a special horse and carriage. They then sailed to the royal residence and UNESCO World Heritage site Drottningholm Palace, 10 kilometers (6 miles) west of the city center, where a private wedding reception will be held.

Madeleine is the youngest of Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia’s three children and fourth in line to the throne. She became known as Sweden’s party princess in her early 20s, when she was frequently spotted at Stockholm’s high-end nightclubs, and



Sweden’s Princess Madeleine and Christopher O’Neill kiss outside the Royal Chapel after their wedding ceremony in Stockholm, Saturday June 8, 2013. AP

has attracted widespread attention for her stylish clothes.

But her life hasn’t always been a fairytale. Madeleine’s extravagant lifestyle has often been criticized by Swedes, who prefer the down-to-earth attitude of her sister, Crown

Princess Victoria, who married a commoner. And in 2010, she fled to New York after breaking off her first engagement to Swedish attorney Jonas Bergstrom amid media reports that he had cheated on her.

Since then, Madeleine has

held a lower profile, working for the nonprofit World Childhood Foundation in New York, where she met O’Neill through mutual friends. The couple was first spotted together having lunch at the Central Park Boat-house in January 2011 and they

announced their engagement in October 2012.

O’Neill was born into a wealthy family. His late father, Paul O’Neill, set up the European head office of Oppenheimer & Co. in London in the 1960s and his mother, Eva Maria O’Neill, is involved in several charities. He studied at a boarding school in St. Gallen, Switzerland, and holds a bachelor’s degree in international relations from Boston University and a master’s degree from Columbia Business School in New York.

O’Neill, who holds dual American and British citizenship, has declined a royal rank in Sweden, which would have required him to become a Swedish citizen. He has chosen to continue working and the newlyweds are expected to move back to their apartment in Manhattan.

Guests at the wedding included the U.K.’s Earl and Countess of Wessex, Prince Edward and Sophie; Princess Takamado of Japan and princes and princesses from Norway, Denmark, Greece, Luxembourg and Monaco.

King, Mellencamp break rules with ‘Ghost Brothers’

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Stephen King and John Mellencamp had a simple problem when they started the long odyssey to create a musical.

“Quite frankly, we didn’t know what the hell we were doing,” Mellencamp said.

Thirteen years later they’ve created “Ghost Brothers of Darkland County,” a musical that’s not quite like anything out there—as you might expect from two of America’s most independent artists. Along the way, the author and the singer picked up T Bone Burnett to serve as a general contractor, enlisted stars like Sheryl Crow, Elvis Costello, Kris Kristofferson and Rosanne Cash, and broke several rules in the classic musical theater handbook.

King says he might have given up long ago had Mellencamp not kept rolling things forward. Mellencamp says that’s a bunch of bull. Now that they’re done—“Ghost Brothers” is out this week with a CD box set, mini-documentary and e-book, with a theatrical tour starting in October in Bloomington, Ind.—they say the project strengthened their friendship and left them with a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

“This morning when I went over to my office there was a big stack of the box sets and I looked at that thing and said, ‘We actually have a product here,’” King said. “It’s all been give up to this point. You give of your talent and you give of your time, and then you get something back. It’s here and people are either going to play



This June 3, 2013 photo shows, from left, Stephen King, T Bone Burnett and John Mellencamp posing for a portrait in New York. AP

these tunes or not, buy and download or not, go to see the show when it comes to a town near them or not.”

The musical started with a real-life ghost story. Mellencamp was looking for a cabin on Lake Monroe in his home state of Indiana. As the owners handed over the keys, they casually let it drop that the cabin might be haunted, the spiritual remnants of a terrible tragedy that had happened decades earlier when two brothers quarreled over a girl.

The story came with a stack of ancient pulp magazines that detailed the deaths in grisly detail, complete with photos of a headless body and plenty of purple prose. Mellencamp scoffed, had the cabin remodeled and took

his family to the lake for a long visit. They noticed the “weird vibe” immediately.

“I don’t believe in this stuff,” Mellencamp said, “but stuff would start moving. You’d start smelling cigars. Funny smells would appear and stuff would turn on and turn off. It was kinda creepy, you know?”

Mellencamp unloaded the cabin and eventually relayed the story to his agent sometime before the turn of the century. He’d recently been approached about doing a musical based on his hits, but he wasn’t interested. The agent suggested the ghost story could serve as the basis for that musical, and suggested they contact mutual client King to help write it.

King and Mellencamp had

met a few times over the years, and to Mellencamp’s surprise the idea quickly took root. It was just the kind of challenge King likes. “Once you get to a certain age—I’m in my 60s now—you’ve got to try to keep expanding your field,” King said. “You’ve got to try new things and if you don’t, you tend to get conservative. I always say you dig yourself a rut and then you furnish it. John asked me when we started this if I’d ever done anything like this before. I said, ‘John, yes, I have. I wrote a play for my Boy Scout troop when I was 11 years old. And it was a big hit with my relatives.’” They traveled to New York together where they took in several musicals on Broadway. And almost nothing appealed to them.

“It was like, how does this work?” Mellencamp said. “What we saw on these musicals, at least to me, was a bunch of s--- we didn’t want to do. OK, we don’t want any dancing, that’s the first thing. We just don’t. We don’t want this, we don’t want that. We don’t want to advance the story forward with song, it’s too corny.”

They decided they’d use their songs to color their characters. The spoken-word sections of the musical would drive the story, just as they do in a play.

“I just feasted on that because I’m a big rock music fan and country music fan and alt-rock fan and all that stuff, and I thought, that’s what music does,” King said. “Music speaks to the heart and words speak to the brain, and we can really do something here. We saw eye to eye on a lot of things and one was we didn’t really want this big orchestral, violin-heavy music. We wanted a kind of American soundtrack.” King roughed out the story about two generations of brothers in fictional Lake Belle Reve, Miss., caught in a tragic tape loop and marked out spaces for songs, sometimes including a little rhyme to give Mellencamp cues. Mellencamp then worked up songs from several perspectives.

That’s where Burnett, the only producer Mellencamp’s ever had, enters the picture about five years ago. Mellencamp played him the songs and, always up for a challenge, Burnett signed on.

“It’s a very interesting group of tunes he’s put together and I do believe some of his best songs,” Burnett said. “Time will be the judge of that but it seems

so to me. They’re real powerful tunes, and real stripped down, of-the-earth type tunes. ... John and Stephen work a lot of the same turf, the legends of small-town America, that stuff. So I can see the resonance between the two of them pretty clearly.”

Burnett brought in friends and colleagues to hang Spanish moss from tree limbs, add humidity to the air and bring the characters to life. Actors like Matthew McConaughey and Meg Ryan helped with the spoken-word parts. Crow sings from the perspective of the coveted woman at the center of the story. Kristofferson provides a moral compass. And Costello had a great time taking it fire and brimstone.

“I had to be the Devil in that story so I made some very extraordinary sounds,” he said. “I mean I was creaking. I sounded like my teeth were about to fall out. I thought the Devil, that can’t be an ordinary voice. So I sang in harmonic shrieks and whispering and everything.”

The thing that Mellencamp loves about the final product is you can’t pigeonhole it. All the principles will be replaced by other actors and musicians when the musical hits the road around the country later this year. The ultimate goal is to debut “Ghost Brothers” on Broadway, but producers have been leery of that unconventional structure. No matter.

“If it ends up there, great, and if it doesn’t, that’s fine too,” Mellencamp said. “Because the real victory in ‘Ghost Brothers’ is that very rarely do you collaborate with somebody that you walk away and go, ‘You know, I really like that guy. I really had ... fun with that guy.’”

Judge orders inquiry in Paris Jackson wellbeing

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An investigation into Paris Jackson's well-being has been ordered by a judge overseeing the guardianship of Michael Jackson's three children, court records show.

Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff ordered an investigator to look into Paris Jackson's health, education and welfare and recommend whether any changes are necessary on Thursday, one day after she was taken by ambulance from her family's home and hospitalized.

Authorities have said they were dispatched to the home on a report of a possible overdose, but have not released any additional details.

"There have been communications between the court and counsel and we're completely supportive of the court's actions," Katherine Jackson's attorney, Perry Sanders Jr., said Friday.

He has said the 15-year-old is physically fine and receiving appropriate medical treatment. He declined further comment on her health status Friday.

Beckloff issued a similar inquiry into the well-being of Michael Jackson's three children, Prince, Paris and Blanket, last year after an incident in which Katherine Jackson was out of communication with them for several days. The Jackson family matriarch



In this Oct. 8, 2011 file photo Paris Jackson smiles on stage at the Michael Forever the Tribute Concert, at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Wales. AP

had been taken by some of her children to a resort in Arizona, prompting an agreement that led to another guardian being temporarily instated.

Tito Jackson's son, TJ, was appointed co-guardian over the children.

"This is standard protocol in a high profile case," his attorney Charles Shultz wrote in an email. "The court is doing what we fully expected the court to do."

An attorney for Jackson's estate said it would assist Katherine and TJ Jackson however neces-

sary to help Paris Jackson.

"The estate will work with Paris's guardians to provide whatever is required for her best interests," estate attorney Howard Weitzman wrote in a statement. "We are totally and completely supportive of Paris as her well-being is our foremost concern."

The earlier report to Beckloff was not made public, although he has stated that he believed Katherine Jackson was doing a good job of raising her son's children.

Beckloff's order requires an investigator to prepare a report that only he will be allowed to review. He did not include instructions on how the review should occur or when the report was due. Last year, Beckloff required an investigator to interview each of the children separately.

The filing was first reported Friday by celebrity website TMZ.

Chicago blues musician Piano C. Red dies

CHICAGO (AP)—Chicago blues piano player Piano C. Red, who performed with Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Fats Domino and Buddy Guy before being paralyzed in 2006, has died.

Red's son, James Britton, confirmed Tuesday that his 79-year-old father died Monday. He says his father's health had been deteriorating since the shooting that paralyzed him. Red was shot during a robbery.

In a news release, publicist June Rosner says Red spent years driving a cab by day and playing in the city's blues clubs at night. She says Red began playing professionally in Chicago at age 19.

His given name was Cecil Fain. He was 16 years old and living in Atlanta when his professional career began.

In 1999, Red released a CD entitled "Cab Driving Man."

Worn american flags should be disposed of with respect

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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DEAR ABBY: I was wondering if you could print something about how to properly dispose of American flags. I'm a garbage man in northern Illinois, and I am sick of finding American flags in the trash.

Most of my co-workers and I pull them out and properly dispose of them. Do people REALLY not realize what our flag means, and how many men and women have given their lives for what it stands for?

PATRIOT NAMED DANIEL

Dear Abby

DEAR DANIEL: Your letter is timely. I'm sure the people you have described are not being intentionally disrespectful. I suspect the flags are thrown out because of ignorance.

Readers: When an American flag becomes soiled, faded and tattered, there are better ways to dispose of it than tossing it in the garbage. According to the U.S. Flag Code, "When a flag has served its useful purpose, it should be destroyed, **PREFERABLY BY BURNING.**"

The pamphlet "Flag Etiquette" published by the American Legion states: "For individual citizens this should be done discreetly, so that the act is not perceived as a protest or desecration."

Many American Legion posts conduct Disposal of Unserviceable Flag ceremonies on June 14, Flag Day, each year. The Boy and Girl Scouts of America also are able to conduct these ceremonies. When you are ready to dispose of yours, contact the local Boy or Girl Scout Council, or wait until the Girl Scout cookie sales start locally and offer the flag to the troop during a sale at a small business.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 50ish, never-married bachelor with a question about engagement rings. Do you recommend that the man go out and purchase an engagement ring and then present it to the woman when he proposes, or do you think he should propose without a ring and then let her choose the ring she wants?

OLD BACHELOR IN OHIO

DEAR BACHELOR: When a man is ready to propose, it would be prudent for him to visit a jeweler and ask that some rings—or stones—in his price range be set aside. Then he can pop the question, and IF the woman says yes, take her to the jeweler to select something she would enjoy wearing. This will prevent an unpleasant and expensive surprise should the lady say no.

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DEAR ABBY: Your response to "One-Way Ticket's" (5/11) question about his mother's final trip home got me thinking, and I found a loophole they may be able to use. If their mother's air miles can be used by someone else (like her grown kids), she would go as cargo, but her miles would pay for her escort to take her home.

If there are any miles left over after that, they could be donated to various causes, like the Shriners, who sometimes need to get a child flown to another part of the country for treatment. Or the military may have a stranded soldier waiting to go home for the holidays, etc. My oldest flies using my mom's air miles, and I flew my youngest with mine, so if the mother of "One-Way" would like to put her miles to use, this could be helpful.

FORMER FREQUENT FLIER

DEAR FORMER FREQUENT FLIER: What great ideas! I love the suggestions my readers come up with, and yours are good ones.

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AEG exec, lawyer spar in Jackson trial's 6th week

A look at key moments this past week in the wrongful death trial in Los Angeles between Michael Jackson's mother, Katherine Jackson, and concert giant AEG Live LLC, and what is expected at court in the week ahead:

THE CASE

Jackson's mother wants a jury to determine that the promoter of Jackson's planned comeback concerts didn't properly investigate Dr. Conrad Murray, who a criminal jury convicted of involuntary manslaughter for Jackson's June 2009 death. AEG's attorney says the case is about personal choice, namely Jackson's decision to have Murray serve as his doctor and give him doses of a powerful anesthetic as a sleep aid. Millions, possibly billions, of dollars are at stake.

WHAT HAPPENED THIS PAST WEEK

■ Jurors heard from AEG Live CEO Randy Phillips, the highest ranking executive to testify in the trial so far. He told jurors that he didn't consult a mental health professional for Jackson despite that recommendation from two high-level production workers on the singer's "This Is It" tour.

■ Phillips testified that five days before Jackson's death, he emailed the singer's business manager that the singer might be in breach of his contract for the shows because he was skipping rehearsals. AEG executives have previously testified that rehearsals weren't required in Jackson's contract, but Phillips said he felt it was a requirement.

WHAT THE JURY SAW

■ Phillips verbally spar with Katherine Jackson's lawyer, Bri-



In this July 2, 2009 file photo, AEG CEO Randy Phillips speaks to members of the media in Los Angeles. AP

an Panish. The pair had numerous testy exchanges and had to be repeatedly warned by a judge to not argue with each other.

QUOTABLE MOMENTS

■ "I wish you wouldn't call it a baseless shakedown because it's a derogatory," Phillips said moments after testifying that he believed the lawsuit against his company was an extortion attempt by the Jackson family.

■ "I just expect doctors to be ethical. Their financial side of their life shouldn't affect their medical judgment," AEG executive Paul Gongaware said about why he never considering doing a background check on Jackson's personal physician.

OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM

■ Jackson's daughter, Paris, was hospitalized after paramedics responded to her home on a report of a possible overdose. Her grandmother's attorney said the 15-year-old is physically fine and receiving appropriate medi-

cal treatment. A judge overseeing Paris Jackson's guardianship ordered an investigation into her wellbeing. The teenager is listed as a plaintiff in the case, has been deposed, and is on the witness list, although it remains unclear whether she will actually be called to the stand.

■ A probate judge said he was inclined to unseal portions of legal filings by a choreographer who claims he was abused by Jackson over a seven year period while he was a child. The judge said he would likely redact portions of the documents that include private and personal details on Wade Robson, as well as a psychologist's report.

WHAT'S NEXT

■ AEG Live CEO Randy Phillips is expected to remain on the stand for several more days.

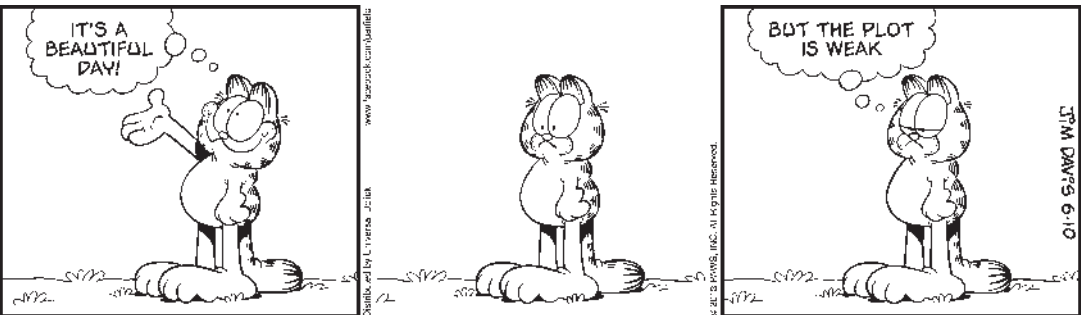
■ Katherine Jackson's case is expected to last at least another three weeks, and AEG Live may call numerous witnesses, including bringing back Gongaware for additional testimony.

Pastimes

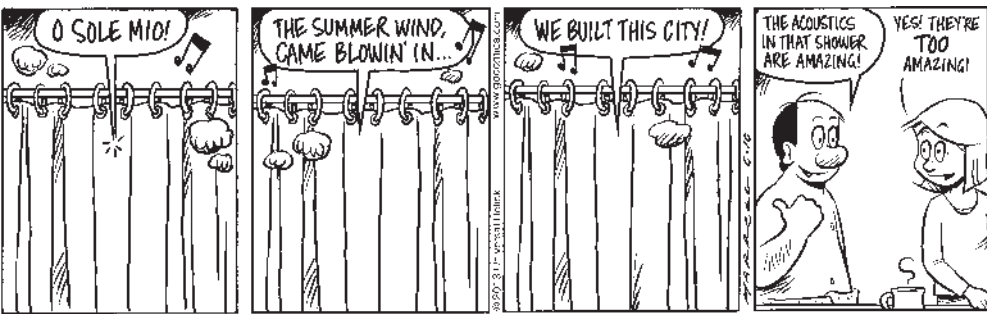
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Saturday's answer 6-10

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kate Upton, 21; Leelee Sobieski, 30; Shane West, 35; DJ Qualls, 35

Happy Birthday: Embrace change. Participate in activities that will improve your mental and physical health as well as motivate you to get involved in projects that will help you regain confidence as you develop a skill that will help you advance. An unusual interest will be your saving grace. Communication, education and a spiritual journey will lead to peace of mind. Your numbers are 8, 13, 19, 25, 31, 34, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Focus on what you can accomplish, not the impossible. Circumstance will hold you back if you let emotions dictate your next move. Walk away from a bad situation and embrace a new opportunity. Listen to wise suggestions, not someone else's demands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Participate in community events or take a trip that will enhance your knowledge or improve the way you think, look or act. Motivational experiences will lead to greater success. Love is on the rise and commitments can be made.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Little annoyances must not be allowed to stand between you and your accomplishments. Concentrate on work and finding the most efficient way to get things done. Too much of anything will be your demise. Focus on stability and practicality, not enforcing change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Express your feelings outwardly and clear the air. Being open may bring about change, but once the dust settles you will be in a much stronger position. Stick to your beliefs and pursue your

goals. Love is in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Information being withheld from you will deter you from putting your plans in motion. Ulterior motives are apparent. Keep your thoughts and feelings a secret. A short trip will help shed light on your situation. Someone from your past will be interested in reconnecting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Offering innovative solutions and lending a helping hand will dissipate any negativity or criticism you face. Love and romance are on the rise, and being open about the way you feel will enhance your relationship with someone special.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stay on top of every little detail. You'll find it necessary to troubleshoot as well as find an alternative route. Determination will help you win any battle that comes your way. Expect changes with partnerships. Prepare for change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Plan a vacation or attend an event that will ease your stress. A creative idea will lead to developing new skills. Someone unusual will propose an interesting alternative. Romance is in the stars and affection will enhance your love life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be pulled in several different directions when it comes to partnerships and working alongside others. Do your best to compromise, but don't give in to someone playing emotional games with you. Make changes that protect your interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of any partnership matters that have

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you feeling uncertain. Get to the bottom of a personal situation you face. Ask questions and determine what you can do to improve your life and the lives of the people you care about most.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll have the energy and the wherewithal to finish what you start. Getting involved in activities or events that will allow you to network as well as socialize will bring about favorable changes and connections. Hone your skills.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Separate business and pleasure. Troubles at home must not be allowed to stand in the way of your professional progress. An unusual relationship with someone you are collaborating with may entice you to make personal changes. Love is highlighted. 5 stars

Birthday Baby: You are affectionate, unique and opportunistic. You are possessive and unpredictable.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★

6/10

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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORDS. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Davis, Blue Jays win in 18th inning, beat Texas



TORONTO
(AP)—Rajai Davis' RBI single in the 18th inning lifted

the Toronto Blue Jays to a 4-3 win over the Texas Rangers on Saturday in a game that matched the longest in club history for both teams.

Texas equaled a season high with its third straight loss.

Emilio Bonifacio hit a one-out single in the 18th and took third with two outs on a wild pickoff throw by Ross Wolf (1-1).

Davis followed with a bouncing single down the third base line, sending the Blue Jays streaming out of their dugout in celebration and ending a game that started under sunny skies but finished with the stadium lights on.

Wolf was Texas' fifth pitcher and worked 6 2-3 innings, almost as many as starter Yu Darvish, who went seven.

Aaron Loup (3-3), the ninth Toronto pitcher, went one inning for the win.



AP

Toronto Blue Jays' Adam Lind, rear left, and Maicer Izturis, congratulate Colby Rasmus, right, as he comes home after the pair scored on Rasmus' triple during third inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Toronto, June 8, 2013.

Yankees 3, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Andy Pettitte allowed three hits over 7 1-3 innings to earn his 250th career victory to lead the Yankees past the Mariners.

It was Pettitte's 213th victory as Yankee, putting him third on the franchise's career list behind Whitey Ford (236) and Red Ruffing (231).

Pettitte (5-3) had six strikeouts and no walks in his 85-pitch effort. He has 1,940 strikeouts as a Yankee, 16 behind all-time leader Ford.

David Robinson worked out of a jam in the eighth and Mariano Rivera took over in the ninth, earning his 630th career save, adding to his major league record.

Angels 9, Red Sox 5, 1st game Red Sox 7, Angels 2, 2nd game

In Boston, David Ortiz rebounded from a rough first game with a long two-run homer and drove in three runs to help Clay Buchholz improve to 9-0, earning the Boston Red Sox a split of a day-night doubleheader.

The victory snapped Boston's nine-game losing streak against Los Angeles.

Buchholz gave up two runs on six hits, striking out four and walking one over 6 2-3 innings to match Arizona's Patrick Corbin (9-0) as the majors' only unbeaten pitcher with at least nine wins, but he left in the seventh with what the team called "neck tightness."

The Red Sox jumped ahead 2-0 against C.J. Wilson (4-5) with two runs in the first on consecutive RBI doubles by Jonny Gomes and Pedroia. Ortiz's RBI double made it 3-0 in the second.

In the first game, Mark Trumbo and Erick Aybar each drove in two runs as the Angels beat the Red Sox 9-5 for their team-record sixth straight win at Fenway Park.

Mike Trout added a pair of doubles high off the Green Monster and collected three hits for the Angels. Tommy Hanson (3-2) allowed two runs in five innings for the win.

White Sox 4, Athletics 1

In Chicago, John Danks pitched three-hit ball over eight innings for his first victory in more than a year, and the White Sox won for just the second time in 12 games.

Adam Dunn and Paul Konerko homered. Alex Rios drove in the go-ahead

run, and the White Sox handed the Athletics just their fourth loss in 22 games.

Dunn connected leading off the second to tie the score at 1-all, and it stayed that way until the eighth.

Alejandro De Aza led off with an infield single against Sean Doolittle (3-1) and moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Alexei Ramirez before Rios broke the tie with a single to center. Konerko followed with a two-run drive to left to cap the rally.

Rays 8, Orioles 0

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Jeremy Hellickson pitched six scoreless innings and six different Tampa Bay players drove in runs.

Taking up where they left off in allowing just two hits in a 2-1 victory in the opener of a three-game series at Tropicana Field, Rays pitchers limited the Orioles to four singles to beat their AL East rivals for the fifth straight time.

Hellickson (4-2) worked through a fifth-inning jam before watching the Rays break it open with five runs in the bottom half of the inning, three on Luke Scott's bases-loaded double. The Tampa Bay starter and three relievers combined to retire the last 15 batters to finish the combined four-hitter.

Tigers 6, Indians 4

In Detroit, Prince Fielder hit a bases-clearing double in the second inning and Detroit held on to beat Cleveland.

The AL Central-leading Tigers have won the first two games of the series to build a season-high 4 1/2-game lead over the Indians.

Rick Porcello (3-3) gave up two runs—one earned—and three hits while striking out seven over six innings.

Ryan Raburn hit a two-run homer off reliever Luke Putkonen to pull the Indians within two runs in the seventh inning and they had a shot to at least get even in the ninth.

Royals 7, Astros 2

In Kansas City, Mo., Ervin Santana pitched seven snappy innings and Kansas City finally backed him up with some offense.

Santana (4-5) entered the game with the worst run support among qualifying pitchers in the American League, a

big reason why he already had six fruitless tries to win his 100th career game.

He finally reached the milestone thanks to a seemingly endless series of singles and doubles off Astros starter Erik Bedard (1-3), who failed to make it through the fifth inning.

Marlins 2, Mets 1

In New York, in the longest major league game in more than three years, Adeiny Hechavarria hit an RBI single in the 20th inning and the Miami Marlins outlasted the New York Mets, well after Matt Harvey left with lower back tightness following another stingy start.

Steve Cishek retired Daniel Murphy on a fly ball to the left-field warning track for the final out of a game that took 6 hours, 25 minutes. It started 5 1/2 hours before the Belmont Stakes—about 13 miles away—and still ended around an hour after winner Palace Malice crossed the finish line.

The last big league game to last as long also involved the Mets, according to STATS. It came when they beat St. Louis 2-1 in 20 innings on April 17, 2010.

It was the longest game by far in the history of Citi Field, which opened in 2009, and it matched the longest in Marlins history—a 7-6 loss to the Cardinals in 20 innings on April 27, 2003.

Harvey and Miami's prized rookie, Jose Fernandez, hooked up in a pitchers' duel early. And when neither punchless lineup could break a 1-all tie, the only savior for both teams was that neither had played since Wednesday, so they had fresh arms in the bullpen.

By the 13th inning, the game had been turned over to a pair of starters: Miami's Kevin Slowey (2-5) and Shaun Marcum (0-7) for the Mets. Both were originally scheduled to start Saturday before getting skipped when Friday night's game was rained out.

Pirates 6, Cubs 2

In Chicago, A.J. Burnett pitched into the ninth inning and Pedro Alvarez and Russell Martin homered to lead Pittsburgh over Chicago.

Burnett (4-6) gave up four hits and three walks with five strikeouts in 8 1-3 innings to improve to 5-0 in his career at Wrigley Field. He had a shutout until

Alfonso Soriano's two-run home run to left with one out in the ninth ended a string of 18 straight scoreless innings by Pirates pitchers.

Burnett held the Cubs hitless until Nate Schierholtz's double down the line in right leading off the fifth. He threw 112 pitches and left after Soriano's home run.

The Pirates tagged Cubs starter Jeff Samardzija (3-7) for eight hits, including Alvarez's two-run home run in the fourth, his team-high 13th of the year. The right-hander struck out seven and walked one in six innings.

Padres 4, Rockies 2

In Denver, Kyle Blanks hit a two-run homer off the foul screen and Eric Stults tossed seven solid innings, helping San Diego to the victory over Colorado.

Everth Cabrera had three hits, including a bloop RBI double, and stole two more bases, running his season total to a major league-leading 28.

Jeff Francis (2-4) struggled in his first start since coming off the disabled list with a strained left groin. He allowed four runs and six hits in four innings.

Stults (5-5) never really ran into trouble against his former team, giving up seven hits and two runs (one earned) for his first win in four starts.

Brewers 4, Phillies 3

In Milwaukee, Jean Segura homered and Jonathan Lucroy hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the sixth inning, lifting Milwaukee past Philadelphia.

Domonic Brown hit his NL-leading 19th home run, and had a two-run double in the eighth to account for all of the Phillies' runs.

Tyler Thornburg (1-0) pitched two innings of scoreless relief to earn his first major league victory. A top prospect for the Brewers coming into the season, he joined the team Wednesday despite going 0-7 with a 6.75 ERA in 12 starts for Triple-A Nashville.

Reds 4, Cardinals 2

In Cincinnati, Mat Latos turned in seven solid innings and Cincinnati broke out of its slump to beat St. Louis.

Devin Mesoraco homered and drove

in two runs, and Jay Bruce also homered as the Reds snapped a three-game losing streak and scored more than two runs against St. Louis for the first time in the last seven games between the teams.

Latos (6-0), who got the decision in Cincinnati's last win over St. Louis on April 29, allowed eight hits and two runs with no walks and five strikeouts against a Cardinals team that went into the game leading the National League in hitting.

The Reds, who'd lost five of their last six games against St. Louis, scored four against St. Louis rookie left-hander Tyler Lyons (2-2). He gave up six hits and a walk with two strikeouts in 5 1-3 innings.

Braves 2, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Kris Medlen pitched 6 2-3 scoreless innings and hit his first major league home run, Dan Uggla also went deep, and Atlanta continued its recent stretch of dominant starting pitching in a victory over Los Angeles.

Medlen (3-6) scattered five hits, struck out six and allowed only one baserunner as far as third. That was in the sixth inning, when the right-hander retired Andre Ethier on a flyball to shallow center field and fanned Scott Van Slyke after Nick Punto led off with a double and advanced on a groundout by Adrian Gonzalez.

Giants 10, Diamondbacks 5

In Phoenix, Buster Posey capped a six-run fourth inning with a homer and had three RBIs, Madison Bumgarner pitched five effective innings and San Francisco pounded Arizona.

Bumgarner (5-4) was sharp early to end a four-game losing streak and added an RBI with a sacrifice bunt in San Francisco's big inning.

The Giants gave him some rare run support, too, roughing up Diamondbacks starter Trevor Cahill (3-7) while scoring two more runs than in the previous six games combined.

Hunter Pence homered and scored three runs, Posey added a run-scoring single to his two-run homer and Brandon Crawford had four of San Francisco's 15 hits.

Paul Goldschmidt matched Luis Gonzalez's 2002 team record with an RBI in his eighth straight game on a groundout in Arizona's four-run sixth inning.

Twins 4, Nationals 3, 11 innings

In Washington, Ryan Doumit singled in the go-ahead run, Joe Mauer homered, doubled and singled, and Minnesota won for the eighth time in 11 games.

Josh Roenicke (2-1) pitched a scoreless 10th inning for the win in the inter-league game and Glen Perkins retired Washington in the 11th for his 13th save.

The Twins were playing their first game in Washington since 1971.

Jayson Werth homered and former Twin Denard Span added three hits for Washington, which has lost two straight and six of eight.

Pinch hitter Chris Hermann drew a walk off Craig Stammen (3-2) to open the 10th. Jamey Carroll bunted him to second and Mauer was intentionally walked. Doumit then hit a soft line drive to short center, scoring Hermann.

Trailing 3-2, the Nationals tied it against Twins starter Kevin Correia in the seventh.

Down 1-0 to Spurs, Heat seek some NBA Finals fun



MIAMI (AP)—The NBA Finals. Just being here can be memorable—and miserable.

And surprise, it's those supposedly stoic Spurs who are having more fun, while the South Beach bunch is a little grumpy and grouchy.

The Miami Heat may be on top of the basketball world, but there's no joy unless they stay there.

"Playoffs ain't fun, man. I'm sorry to bust anyone on the outside's bubble," Dwyane Wade said. "As a player in the playoffs, you have no joy until it's over and you won. If you don't win, you have no joy for a while."

Down 1-0 after a record regular season that goes for naught without another title, the Heat can turn their moods around with a victory over San Antonio on Sunday night in Game 2.

Back in the finals for a third straight year, the Heat have lost some of the ability to enjoy the ride. With exorbitant expectations, all that matters is the destination.

But San Antonio, absent from this stage for six years, is soaking up what could be its last shot for Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili.

After all, Duncan is pretty ancient—at least, according to those wise-cracking Spurs.

"Older than dirt," coach Gregg Popovich called him this week.

Parker listed him at age 50—Duncan is actually 37—and the repeated ribbing appears almost out of character for a franchise that was often considered the definition of basketball blandness.

"My friends and everybody on the team, we get like the funny Instagram doctored-up photos or jokes where they're making fun of how old some of



Miami Heat small forward Shane Battier, center, is interviewed after basketball practice on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at the American Airlines Arena in Miami.

the people on our team are who shall remain nameless," reserve Matt Bonner said. "And we get a kick out of that."

Despite the notion they're old, the Spurs are actually overall the younger, less-experienced team in these finals. Miami has nine players in their 30s to the six on the Spurs, and their Big Three and Bonner are the only Spurs to have played in the NBA Finals.

That makes it easier for the Spurs to enjoy this trip more than when they were the team expected to be here every year.

"We definitely are having fun," Parker said. "I think we appreciate every moment. We

don't take anything for granted, because it's been a long time. It's been six years. Felt like forever. After the Memphis series, there was a lot of emotion."

Heat veteran Shane Battier wasn't exactly sold on the notion of this Spurs transformation into a happy-go-lucky group.

"Don't believe them, first of all," he said. "They are extreme competitors and they have a level of self-deprecation I think that is part of them, but don't buy it for one second. Those guys are killers. They're cut-throat and they will stomp on you if need be, and we're the same way."

"We appreciate the opportu-

nity to play in the finals. Difficult to get here. Hardest thing you'll do in this game is to try and win a championship, so we appreciate the opportunity and we want to make the most of it," he said.

But he agreed with Wade that the playoffs aren't fun.

"No, they're not," he said. "They're stimulating. You feel alive. I wouldn't say fun, but there's no other place I'd rather be. It's kind of a misery you enjoy. You're cranky, especially after a loss. You don't like the other team. You're just a general grouch, but it's the time you feel most alive as a basketball player

and there's nothing like it. Once you taste it, you don't want to live without it."

It's a grind, though, for a team that will be playing its 100th game of the season Sunday. Wade has battled a painful right knee for a while, Chris Bosh is in a shooting slump, and the minutes are adding up for LeBron James, who has played deep into June the last three years and then competed in the Olympics last year.

"It's a toll for myself to go through what I've been through the last 2 1/2 years. But I've been blessed, I've been blessed to be able to be in three finals, I've been blessed to be a part

of a great Olympic team and to play basketball, the game that I love," James said.

"I'm not going to be able to do it forever. The opportunities that the game has given me for the last couple of years, I wouldn't substitute that for rest," he said.

James and the Heat at least got some with two days off following the Spurs' 92-88 victory in Game 1. Both James and Wade had mentioned fatigue when talking about Miami's poor fourth-quarter performance, just three nights after the end of a difficult, seven-game series against Indiana to decide the Eastern Conference championship.

The break gave the Heat more time to examine ways their own Big Three can be successful on offense, as well as get some more defensive pressure on the Spurs, who committed just four turnovers—none by Parker—in the opener.

"I think it's been great for us, these last I don't know how many hours it's been since Game 1," James said. "But we've used the time, I think, wisely in this case."

They showed up in better spirits Saturday, James and Wade among several players taking part in a post-practice shooting contest, the kind of fun it seemed they would always have from the moment they debuted as Miami teammates three years ago in a welcoming party that rivaled a rock concert.

There will be time for partying if they rally to win the series after a one-game deficit, just as they did last year in the finals. The Heat haven't lost consecutive games in five months, and they know this is no time to start.

"We're not a team that really says too much this is a must-win game, but this is a must-win game for us," Wade said. "We have to win this game at home."

Rookie Shawn Stefani shoots 66 to lead at St. Jude

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Rookie Shawn Stefani has been through enough scrambling around the mini-tours trying to make it to the PGA Tour that a quadruple bogey wasn't going to shake his confidence or his concentration.

Even if it cost him the lead.

Stefani overcame the bad hole that dropped him down Saturday and shot a 4-under 66 to take the third-round lead in the St. Jude Classic.

"I feel like I hit one bad shot on 11, and that was the putt that I missed for a triple," Stefani said showing off his sense of humor. "I know that sounds crazy, but you know I hit the club that I wanted to hit. Unfortunately, was the wrong club at the wrong time."

The 31-year-old Texan rebounded with four birdies over his final five holes to move back atop the leaderboard. He finished with eight birdies to go with that quadruple bogey to reach 12-under 198 at TPC

Southwind.

"It's who gets over it fastest and who moves on the fastest," Stefani said. "And to finish the way I did with three birdies on the last three was great. But I was just out there just playing the game and having fun. That's what I'm here for is to play the best I can and have fun with it, and I did that today."

Harris English was a stroke back after a 69, finishing out of the lead for the first time this week. He sounded happy it wasn't worse after playing with Stefani.

"Shawn played so good on the front side, he birdied 10 I thought this guy's going to shoot 60," English said.

Thirteen players shot at least 4 under on a day with easier pins on the small, firm greens and very little wind.

Scott Stallings, Patrick Reed and Nicholas Thompson were 8 under. Stallings had a 67, Reed shot 64, and Thompson had a 66.

Phil Mickelson was another stroke back after a 65 with his

best round yet after not playing the previous three weeks. His day could have been even better if not for three bogeys along with six birdies and an eagle. Mickelson said he needs to be a little bit sharper with each swing.

"There were a couple of tee shots that didn't catch the fairway," he said. "I've got to get that ball in the fairway. And I did a better job of it today and consequently I was able to make a lot of birdies because I could be aggressive from there. I also just have to miss it in the proper spot too."

Pins will be in tougher locations Sunday, and Mickelson said any wind could create the potential for the leaders to shoot over par. Only Stallings has won on tour among the players ahead of Mickelson, who has 41 career wins with four majors as he tunes up his game for the U.S. Open next week at Merion.

"I feel like I'm playing well enough where I can go out and

shoot a low round tomorrow," Mickelson said. "I expect the course to play different tomorrow than it did today. Today was set up for moving day. The tees were up, the pins were in easy spots, no wind. ... I'm looking forward to tomorrow's final round."

This is just the 17th career tour event for Stefani, who earned his way onto the PGA Tour by finishing sixth on the Web.com Tour money list in 2012 in a two-time win season. He played the U.S. Open in 2009 at Bethpage, missing the cut. In March, he had the lead after the first and second rounds at the Tampa Bay Championship before tying for seventh in his best finish yet.

"I'm much more prepared with my game than I was then, and I'm feeling a lot more comfortable with it," Stefani said. "It's been a tough year for me. I've stayed patient with it and tried to keep going and focusing

on all the things I usually do. But it's tough."

Stefani went off in the final group with English, who had a share of the lead after 18 and had the lead to himself after 36 holes.

English opened strong with two birdies in his first three holes to become the first to get to 12 under here this week. But the 23-year-old English bogeyed Nos. 5 and 8 with his playing partner getting his third birdie on No. 9 to take the lead to himself.

Stefani hit his approach on the par 4 to 7 feet to set up the birdie, helping him make the turn at 11 under. He then birdied No. 10 rolling in a 12-footer to go to 12 under with a two-stroke lead over English.

Then the rookie ran into trouble on the island green of the par-3 No. 11.

Stefani went with a wedge and said a gust of wind caught it in the air, sending it into the water short of the island green. He took his drop and then hit into

the back bunker where he had a buried lie. He got the ball out but didn't clear the slope, so the ball rolled back into the bunker. He pushed an 8-footer past the hole 4 feet before finally salvaging a quadruple bogey.

But Stefani birdied No. 14 and got a big par save on No. 15 after his tee shot rolled into the water near the green. He took a drop, then chipped in from 49 feet to avoid dropping another stroke and stay within a shot of English with a big smile of relief.

Stefani finished with a 3-footer for birdie on No. 16, a 17-footer for birdie on No. 17 and capped his round with an 8-footer on No. 18 just after English made a 14-footer to move back into the lead for a few moments.

English had plenty of luck himself.

On the par-4 12th, his approach to the green went left and bounced off the top of a grandstand and hit off a woman before rolling into a greenside bunker. English saved par by hitting his shot within a foot of the hole to stay at 10 under.



Lyn's Heat, Adobo advance

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DLX Lyn's Heat notched a semis berth in the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League after eliminating Migs/King's, 70-65, last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Dan Mateo went 4-for-4 from the foul line in the last 57.7 seconds of the quarterfinal game and made an important defensive play to lift Lyn's Heat to the 5-point win. He drilled the first two charities after a split from Jaymark De Guzman put Migs/King's in the driver's seat, 65-64. De Guzman missed the first free throw and dropped the second one.

Before De Guzman's charity, Joy Dayrit went 0-for-2 from the stripe off a technical foul from Bryle Alegre, who was recalled to the bench after an altercation with Lyn's Heat players in a rebound play in the last two minutes. With both teams fighting for survival, the fourth quarter of the match was hotly contested, as Migs/King's attempted to stage a big comeback, while Lyn's Heat tried to hang in there.

It remained a tight match despite Mateo's pair, as after an exchange of misses the Lyn's Heat guard lost possession from the top key while being pressured by De Guzman and Jed Villanueva. De Guzman picked up the loose ball, but the lefty was on the wrong side of the court (right) and hit the breaks instead of going strong to the basket on a 3-on-1 play. He decided to pass the ball to Angelo Hernaez, who was running back from the front court, have yet to establish his position, and eventually fumbled. Mateo, who stayed on defense after the error, anticipated the pass, picked up the leather, and headed for a fastbreak when he drew an advantage foul on De Guzman.

Mateo was awarded two char-



Migs/King's J.R. Barrios is called for a foul after biting on the fake move of Lyn's Heat's Roy Hernandez during the first quarter of their quarterfinal game in the DLX caging last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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ities, converted the free shots for a 68-65 lead, and Lyn's Heat retained possession with 19.6 seconds left on the clock. Mateo kept punishing Migs/King's

defense, as he dribbled out of defenders to melt the clock before dishing it off at the wing to Christian Devero, who missed on his first attempt, but got the

putback with only 1.2 seconds remaining in the game.

Adobo 66, GHD 64

The first quarterfinal game was

also a close one with Adobo escaping with a 2-point win.

Adobo built enough cushion going into the last two minutes, while GHD ran out of time to steal the victory.

Adobo led by 10, 66-56, and was stuck to 66 points in the final two minutes of the match, allowing GHD to threaten a comeback. Jason Bahillo drilled two fastbreak layups, while E.J. Bautista nailed an undergoal stab to slice the lead to 4, 66-62, with less than a minute left in the game. GHD could have moved further if not for John Paul Villanueva's 0-for-8 free throw shooting in the fourth canto.

Besides its free throw woes, GHD was also hesitant in the closing seconds, as it had second thoughts on giving up a preemptive foul, allowing Adobo's Ichitaro Faisao to run the clock, which was down to 30.1 when James Dela Cruz lost the leather to the baseline. Then it took GHD precious seconds before Bautista found his mark off a putback from Bahillo's missed triple from the baseline. Bautista made the basket with 3.2 seconds left and Adobo went for the quick inbound to avoid GHD defenders with Faisao throwing a pitch to his teammate at their frontcourt. Faisao led the still unbeaten Adobo (7-0) with his 24 points, while Lester Vertudez added 23.

Adobo, Lyn's Heat and winner of the two remaining play-off games last Saturday will go through a draw to determine their semis foes.

First Game

Adobo 66 – Faisao 24, Vertudez 23, Saturno 9, Deleon Guerrero 4, Dela Cruz 2.

GHD 64 – Villanueva 25, Ajoste 14, Bautista 13, Javier 4.

Scoring by quarters: 18-14, 38-26, 55-41, 66-64.

Second Game

Lyn's Heat 70 – Manalo 19, Devero 18, Dayrit 9, Mateo 5, Hernandez 5, Montano 3, Cayan 3.

Migs/King's 65 – De Guzman 33, Barrios 15, Alegre 6, Villanueva 6, Hernaez 2, Mariano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-12, 32-30, 50-44, 70-65.

Tigilau takes RGA May Ace



Ray Tigilau claimed the May Ace in the Refaluwasch Golf Association after topping last month's tournament on the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Tigilau carded a net 69 to beat seven other RGA members for the May Ace plum. The 14-handicapper shot a 41 on the front and 42 on the back for a gross 83 and four-stroke win over Manny Mangarero.

Mangarero posted a net 73, built from a 40 and 44 on the front and back nines, respectively. He settled for runner-up honors after his 11 handicap was deducted to his gross 84 and he fell five shots short of overtaking Tigilau.

John Salas came in at third with his net 75, followed by Joe Saures, Tony Rogolifoi, Ulysses Kapileo, David Apatang, and Tars Olopai. Salas, a 24-handicapper, had a gross 99 off a 50 in the first nine holes and 49 in the last, while the 13-handicapper Saures played better with his 46 and 43 and gross 89. Rogolifoi had a so-so start with his 49 on the front nine, but recovered on the back with a 42, while Kapileo was a bit consistent on the tough east course with his 46 and 48. Apatang struggled with his 53 and 52 on the front and back nines, respectively, while Olopai could not sustain his decent performance in the first nine holes (48) after tallying 52 in the last nine.

Meanwhile, Kapileo and Mangarero won closest to the pin honors on par-3 holes No. 15 and 6, respectively.

In related news, RGA will have its June Ace of the Month tournament on June 16 at Coral Oceania Point. Check-in time is at 11am, while tee off is set for 12pm. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

CNMI cage team needs help



CNMI youth players are busy preparing and raising funds for the 2012 Micronesian Basketball Tournament that will be held in Guam later this month.

According to CNMI U19 Junior National Team official Ed Manalili, they started conducting a series of tryouts early last month and trials were expected to be completed last weekend. The tryouts aim to select the 12 players that will represent the CNMI to the MBT that will run from June 23 to 29. The Commonwealth players will be competing against the host, Palau, and the Marshall Islands. "We started the tryouts around

April, but the turnout was very low. But in late April to early May, the number picked up with several players from last year's 17U MBT returning for the tryouts. We currently have 20 players including players from Tinian. We are expecting Chris Mizer to be back hopefully this week. He will be evaluated like everybody else. We hope to have the final 12-man lineup by the end of the week (last week)," Manalili said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

With majority of the U17 players who competed in last year's MBT on Saipan back on the pool, Manalili believes the CNMI has a much tougher squad for this

month's tournament.

"I believe this year's team is much stronger and matured than last year's 17U team. Many of the boys have been playing in the different leagues here on island, giving them some experience and game maturity. The team is also much taller this year. Several of the boys are 6 feet or little over 6 feet," he added.

The pool is training two times a week or every Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:0pm to 8pm at the Northern Marianas College and is squeezing fundraising efforts in their busy schedule.

"Fundraising is and has been always a challenge, especially with this tournament since we



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Mariana Resort general manager Gloria Cavanagh, second left, presents a check to CNMI U19 Junior National Team's Ed Manalili during a brief donation turnover ceremony witnessed by two other Mariana Resort staff late last month. The donation will be used for purchasing national team uniforms.

had a late start. We are mostly depending on solicitations that we sent out. We are also working with the elected officials for funding. Marianas Resort and

Spa has stepped up and provided donation for the purchase of the boys uniforms. We are still asking for financial or in-kind donations. They can contact

me at 483-4337 or CNMI basketball national development officer Elias Rangamar at 989-5225," Manalili said. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)



Davis, Blue Jays win in 18th inning, beat Texas

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Serena beats Sharapova for 2nd French Open title

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PARIS (AP)—Serena Williams knew, of course, that 11 years had passed since her only French Open championship.

She also knew, of course, what happened a year ago in Paris: the only first-round Grand Slam loss of her career, to a woman ranked outside the top 100, no less.

Eager to repeat the elation of 2002, and motivated by the disappointment of 2012, Williams used terrific defense and her usual powerful hitting in Saturday's final, closing with a crescendo of aces—three in the last game—for a 6-4, 6-4 victory over defending cham-



pion Maria Sharapova to collect a second Roland Garros title and 16th major trophy overall.

"I'm still a little bit upset about that loss last year," the No. 1-ranked Williams said with a chuckle, her shiny new hardware an arm's length away.

"But it's all about, for me, how you recover," she continued.

"I think I've always said a champion isn't about how much they win,

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Dollar Days labor for semifinal spot



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Dollar Days survived a scare from Mariana Resort, pulling off a 93-84 win in their playoff game in the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Thanks to Jun Pantaleon, who delivered at crunch time. He converted a crucial triple, made a big defensive stop, and canned two free throws to

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Dollar Days' Jun Pantaleon drives past Mariana Resort's Leo Galarse for a layup during the fourth quarter of their playoff game in the Shirley's caging last Saturday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Serena Williams of the U.S. holds the trophy after defeating Russia's Maria Sharapova in two sets 6-4, 6-4, in the women's final of the French Open tennis tournament, at Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Saturday June 8, 2013.

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CNMI strikers complete AFC stint

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CNMI U14 Girls National Team finished its assignments in the AFC U14 Girls Regional Championships at the China National Football Training Centre in Beijing last Thursday.

The Commonwealth bet, who debuted with a 0-9 loss to host China,

fell to Guam last Wednesday, 0-3, and then bowed to South Korea last Thursday, 0-8. China and South Korea went on to advance to the semifinals against Group B's Japan and North Korea, respectively. China then beat Japan in the semis, 4-2, while South Korea edged North Korea, 1-0, to advance to the east regional finals. The China-South Korea title game was scheduled last night, but results were unavailable at press time.

Though the CNMI failed to march into the next round of the regional tour-

namment and did not make it to the win column, team officials noted the players' progress in the competition, particularly against Guam.

According to team manager Angie Ito, the CNMI held Guam scoreless for

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Players of the CNMI U14 National Team pose with Japanese strikers after their joint training session last Friday at the China National Football Training Centre in Beijing.

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